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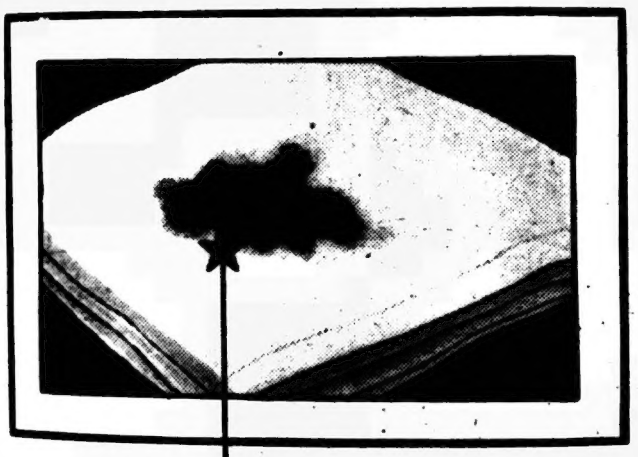

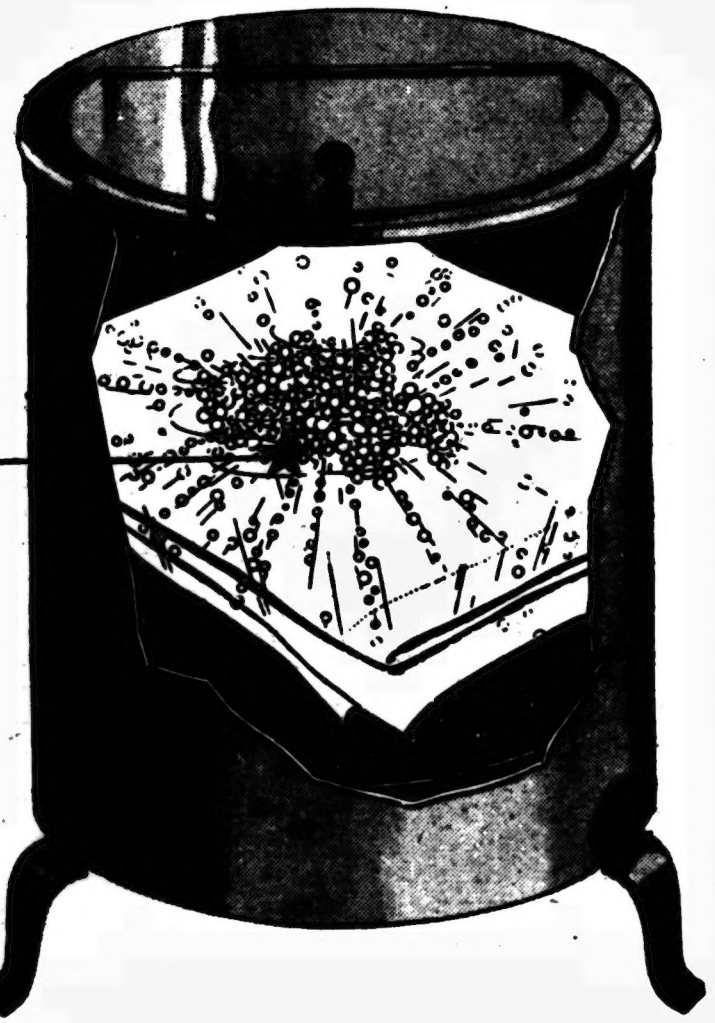

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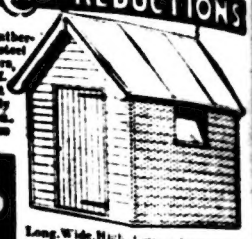

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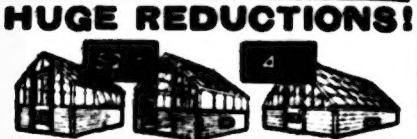

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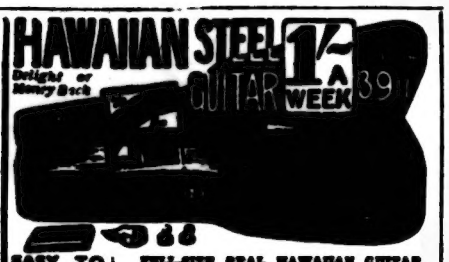

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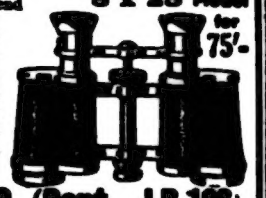

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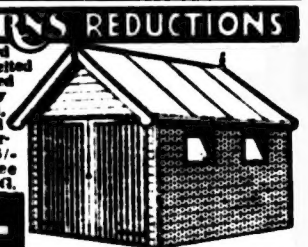

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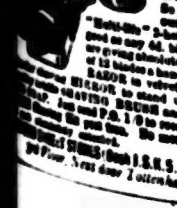

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Grave Pest Peril

Huge areas are laid waste through the neglect of land speculators and the apathy of local authorities

OUR farmers, as we all well know, have got their troubles. They get the public's sympathy and, to an almost greater degree than any other industry, the public's help. But soon, unless something is done quickly, they will get neither. They will have no troubles, because there will be precious little farming.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest arable and grazing lands in Britain are being drowned under a sea of poisonous and useless weeds. The fallow in scores of square miles is eaten up before it has time to bear again.

In that fact lies the *real* crisis which faces the agricultural industry of this country; and it has not had the national attention it deserves.

To those who get their living from the land it is a matter of tragic, daily common knowledge. But as far as the general public is concerned, and except for those holiday-makers who have used their eyes and wits in the countryside this summer, it is an unknown quantity.

★ **But the facts are grave enough. According to official estimates, the net loss to farming due to weed growth is not less than £20,000,000 a year.**

And that leaves out of account the vast damage caused by the almost unchecked growth of insect enemies and fast-breeding rodent pests like rabbits and grey squirrels.

From Hampshire to the fringes of the Welsh Marshes it is possible to travel nearly every mile of the way through an endless panorama of bracken-choked grazing, and crop lands overrun with charlock, creeping thistle, burdock and foxglove.

All up the Midlands it is the same. Only a few days ago a photograph appeared in a great newspaper simply captioned "Field of ragwort in Worcestershire."

A *field* of ragwort, a deadly weed to nearly all cattle, planted down in the midst of some of the fattest lands in the country, to flourish, and seed, and scatter its poisonous blight over all neighbouring lands!

In Central Scotland, according to authorities like John Stewart, of Ardvorlich, there are huge areas where the bracken grows six feet high over the land, wiping out heather and grass.

On many farms one-tenth of the hill grazing is lost to this pest. Sheep, infected by ticks, die hidden in this murderous canopy before the shepherd can find them.

Stock is reduced because of the decreased area of pasture. Grouse will not nest in bracken-infested ground, nor feed because the heather is killed, and so even the sporting value of the ground is diminished.

Within a twenty miles area of all large towns where building development has proceeded on any scale you find weed-encrusted farmlands by the score, or deserted farms where the weed has won and the occupants have given up the struggle against this all-pervading enemy.

And agricultural papers carry letters from disgusted farmers who prophesy a Britain "neck-high in weeds before many years are out—and the sooner the better."

Let us ignore the bitterness of that last remark, but let us recognise that the farmer has a real and terrible grievance.

The pollution of the land by plant pests which is going on on so unparalleled a scale to-day can be traced to two or three main causes.

First, there are the widespread activities of the land speculator who buys up land for building purposes and then allows it to grow foul and "dirty" with weeds until the time comes when he can get his price for it.

★ That may be a year or two and in the meantime there is a constant ground poisoning of the land for miles around.

Second, there is the "sterilisation" of farm land caused by the agricultural slump. "Dead" land has increased nearly 30 per cent. in the last ten years. Nobody seems to know or care about what happens to it and every acre becomes a weed factory.

Thirdly, there is the ignorance and apathy of the authorities. They are almost entirely to blame for our weed-strangled farmlands.

There is in existence the Corn Production Acts of 1921, which makes it an offence for any landowner to allow his ground to become weed-grown. But the powers under this Act are delegated to the local authorities, who have to wait for someone to complain and prove that neglected land is harming his property before they can interfere.

Last year throughout Britain there were only four prosecutions and the penalties imposed were ludicrous.

The Government, belatedly alive to the weed menace, has recently offered to help farmers with the costs of machines for weed eradication.

★ But prevention is better than cure. And the first step towards prevention is the proper punishment of the unscrupulous, the "dirty" and neglectful owner who allows his land to become a breeding-ground for every kind of pest and a menace to all his neighbours.

In France and Germany and Scandinavia, the owner of pest-infested land gets it cleaned for him and then he gets the bill. If he lets it happen again he goes to jail. He is, quite rightly, looked on as a menace to his country and is treated accordingly.

While we cannot hope for such abrupt measures to be used here, we can and do demand that the Ministry of Agriculture compels the local authorities to use their punitive powers.

The Ministry issues pretty pamphlets on pests to farmers and doles out supplies of poisons. But a dose of such medicine, a crop of prosecutions with hefty penalties, will be worth a million gallons of weedkiller and all the handbooks ever printed.

Straight from the Shoulder

Menace to Medical Students

Mr. Chamberlain is Cracking the Whip
Savage Penalties on First Offender
Rent Racket Scandal

ASTONISHING though it might seem, the health of those upon whom the nation's health will ultimately depend is providing cause for grave anxiety.

Because of this, we consider it to be in the public interest to demand immediate action to stem the serious incidence of illness among medical students.

It is not generally known how often medical students wage a pathetic battle against ill-health through fear of breaking-up their career.

A medical student's life makes great demands upon general health. Study can be as strenuous as any manual labour, and when there is added to this the exacting duties of hospital training, then the strain can become intolerable.

Special Risks

But as the *Lancet* has recently pointed out, though medical students claim no monopoly in self-sacrificing energy, they do run special risks. All sorts of risks of infection which do not require any elaboration here.

Sufficient to say that they are not conducive to breeding a robust healthiness, but, on the other hand, constitute a hardship which demands special measures to reduce it to a minimum.

Tragic Absurdity

There is no doubt that a dangerous indifference is the root cause of the present disquieting problem.

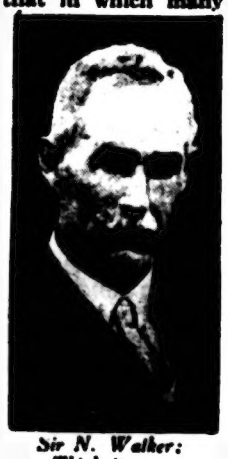
A problem which is the result of a system under which medical students are being trained to bring succour to others without any special consideration being given to preserving the health of themselves.

Absurdity could go no further. But such tragic blundering must be scotched without delay.

What has been described as the "constipated complexion and custard face" of the medical student must be banished.

Sheer Folly

No more grotesque state of affairs could exist than that in which many hundreds of young men and women must pay the price of risking their health and happiness because they have chosen a noble profession.



Sir N. Walker: Think it over

The folly of it all is not relieved when it is realised that such elementary precautions as are insisted upon by medical authorities to assure the health of schoolchildren are not practised more widely among those who are fully aware of the undoubted benefits that are to be obtained.

Tell-Tale Tests

That being a doctor or student carries with it no guarantee of good health has been proved in the few cases where students have been induced to undergo a medical examination.

It stands to reason that medical students cannot be completely protected from infection. At the same time it should not be beyond the powers of the General Medical Council to establish such safeguards as will prevent good health being broken down by excessive study.

Stupid Apathy

All the evidence in considering this problem points to the urgent need of physical training and ample recreational facilities with opportunities to enjoy them.

And what is most important, compulsory and regular medical examinations during the years of training.

We suggest that Sir Norman Walker, President of the G.M.C., should think this over.

It is crass stupidity to concentrate on education and take no steps to assure that students are kept fit and able to make the best use of their hard-won knowledge.

Film Religion

It was bound to happen. Before this month is out Dr. Woods, Bishop of Lichfield, will dedicate a studio devoted entirely to the production of religious films.

He encourages film services

Although the Archbishop of Canterbury encourages the use of films for services, there is a widely shared opinion that the whirr of the cinematograph and talkie apparatus tends to destroy the devotional atmosphere of churches.

If this is so, then some of the diehards who oppose Sunday entertainment should change their attitude and support Sunday cinemas showing films that can aid the religious and moral aspirations of the community.

Vanishing Pensions

Week by week widows are having their pensions stopped because their children are reaching the age of sixteen.

They are the women whose husbands had died before the contributory pensions scheme came into force, and these deprivations take place in accordance with the Act.

But the women are now older than they were when their pensions were granted, and their need, if it has changed at all, should be greater.

Any Old Iron?

Truly the Government mind works in strange ways.

On railway hoardings around Newcastle way placards announce the sale by public auction of huge quantities of scrap metal, etc., from one of H.M. dockyards.

Strikes us the common-sense thing to do would be to send this material to Government munition works instead of allowing dealers to buy and then re-sell to the Government at a profit.

But, tut tut! That might save some of the taxpayers' money!

The Rent Ramp

We take pride in knowing that the exposures in JOHN BULL of the wholesale exploitation of tenants by evasion of the Rent Restriction Act is now exciting intense public concern.

Thousands of tenants are paying rents which it is illegal for their landlords to demand.

Before the Act is relaxed it must be strengthened to give tenants that protection Parliament originally intended they should have.

Cold Comfort

The magistrates at Ely police court might have saved their breath when they told William Eliard Newell, of Little Downham, that only his war service saved him from prison.

Newell was employed as a roundsman collecting eggs from small producers. In consequence of a complaint, he was given a holiday, during which time his employer discovered that he had turned 17s. 6d. due to customers to his own uses.

Trusted Service

For eight years Newell had handled considerable sums of money and had been perfectly trustworthy. Twelve years' service in the Army and Reserve backed his good character.

And on a wage of £2 a week he was supporting his invalid wife and an eleven-year-old child who also is an invalid.

Queer Charity

This lapse brought him into a police court for the first time in his life.

And after commenting upon the enormity of his crime the magistrates, in their queer charity—saved him from prison—and imposed fines and expenses totalling £30 8s.!

No opportunity to make restitution, mark you, and no suggestion how the poor fellow is to meet the savage penalties imposed.

Cruel Snobbery

Some nit-wits down Tonbridge way think, apparently, that the beauties of nature cannot be appreciated if one is not wearing the right clothes.

An elementary school-girl—one of a family of eight children—was debarred from going with the class on a nature study lesson because she didn't have the regulation school kit.

What arrant, despicable snobbery! Alas for the mentality which imposes such positively cruel and unjust restrictions on sensitive children.

Innocent Victim

Victor Charles Webb, aged fifty, of Hayes, Middlesex, has had a raw deal.

A zealous policeman pulled him up while carrying a suitcase of women's clothing which he had bought for his wife nine months ago. His explanations were not believed and after some enquiries he was charged with theft.

After suffering the added ordeal of a remand, his story was found to be true. Of course, the police withdrew the charge, but it's a pity they cannot so easily erase the mental anguish such innocent victims suffer.

Futile Apologies

The Sterling Works (Dagenham), Ltd., has been fined for failing to report three accidents to the Inspector of Factories. At least seven accidents had occurred in this factory that had not been reported.

Counsel for the firm apologised for the lapses. Belated apologies should cut no ice. They are no safeguard to workers employed among dangerous machinery. Sharp penalties must make offending employers realise this.

"Eye for a Tooth"

With reference to the article "An Eye for a Tooth" in our issue of August 14, we have been asked to say that neither the Victoria Dental Hospital (formerly National Hospital for Dentures) nor the Dental Cross Society has any connection with the Good Samaritan Hospital for Optical Services.

Good Advice

We issued a warning in November last against the fund-raising appeals of the National Library Society of Hospitals, Hanover Square, London.

At Eckington police court, near Worksop, when Ada Bellowes was fined for making street collections for this concern without official authority, a local organiser, and Cecil Hewitson, Hanover Square secretary of the soc[iety], were both fined for aiding and abet[ting].

Local Police-Supt. Clarke criticised the heaviness of the "expenses"—a [fine] which does not surprise us in the [case].

Give 'Em Stew!

It's a pity the departmental com[mit]tee of the Ministry of Health on [the] construction of workers' flats [to] have more optimism.

They suggest that in selecting [cook]s for working-class households it shou[ld be] kept in mind that stews are more [likely] to be required than roasts.

Seems that it shall be easier [for a] rich man to get through the Gate[s of] Heaven than for a poor man to [get a] turkey through his oven-door!

Home From Home?

The T.U.C.'s decision this week [to] form a big new union for nurses [will] mean the end, we trust, of all [the] shameful exploitation we have exp[osed].

And we'd like to see all hos[pital] authorities compelled to take a [leaf] from the London County Council's [book] of proud achievements.

For the L.C.C. nurse gets a room her own, fitted with wardrobe, hot cold water, twin lights, and so on.

Standard to Follow

In the newer hostels there are sh[ower] poo rooms, electric irons, even ele[ctric] hair-driers. Time off for lect[ures]. Modernised teaching, with gold silver medals for the best stud[ents]. Sports, with handsome prizes.

Above all, fair pay and fair hours.

The result is that the L.C.C.'s [200] nurses are happy. And that's [what] every nurse should be.

Obey—or Resign!

Cabinet Ministers are getting ra[ther] restive under the strict discipline [of] Mr. Cham[berlain, the] Prime M[inis]ter, is exe[rting] ing.

The Premier Demands Discipline

He is co[ntrol]ling them t[hrough] before him [the] tails of all important [matters] ters that engaging attention their de[part]ments, and is overr[uled] many of [them] in the deci[sions] they take.

He is ta[king] an espec[ial] intimate [in]terest in affairs of the Foreign Office, and to intents and purposes is now combi[ning] the offices of Prime Minister and For[eign] Secretary.

Many of the Ministers are on point of protesting, but they are af[raid] that if they do they will be aske[d to] hand in their resignations.

KNOCK-OUTS

Lord Macmillan: "To be t[oo] tolerant is not necessarily to be neut[ral]." *British Cabinet please copy!*

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Miss Kate O'Brien: "There's no d[oubt] ing that Spaniards are wolves [for] noise." *They've something to mak[e a] row about.*

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Bishop of Birmingham: "There [are] no signs of an approaching revol[ution] here." *Who's looking for it?*

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The Very Rev. W. R. Inge, D[ean]: "Russia, Germany and Italy are [all] mystically sealed against any impa[rtial] statement of truth." *There lies de[ad] ...*

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But our own Lord Hailsham, first [Minister] for Co-ordination" in Britain's £1,5[00,000] Defence Scheme, went one better no[t long] after with a remark which passed almost [unnoticed]: *Oil comes before food in war.*"

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Over 80 per cent. of Britain's stoc[k] consumption of oil is in the hands of [two] companies—Shell, Anglo-Iranian [and] American. The stocks built up are [large] enough for three months of normal [supply] but only about a month of us[able] petrol.

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Britain's BIGGEST Defence PROBLEM

TWO great world conferences have been sitting during the last few days, but almost in stealth as far as the general public is concerned. The noisy events in Spain and China and the paper battles of the Foreign Offices have pushed their deliberations off the front pages of the newspapers.

The first is the Second World Petroleum Congress held at the Paris Exhibition; the other the Fourth International Geological Congress still being held in Moscow.

But dry as their titles may sound, and faint the general interest may seem to be, the subject they have been discussing is of the most paramount importance to all humanity.

The subject is OIL—lifeblood now of war and peace—and its supplies, its ownership, its price, its distribution. A subject, too, which is a vital problem to Britain.

The personnel and delegates at these two conferences belong to entirely different classes. The Moscow meeting is composed exclusively of "oilmen"—the prospectors, drillers, and general technicians of about twenty nations; the Paris meeting of sellers and users—the great oil barons and their representatives and, significantly, the naval and military chiefs of nearly all the Powers.

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All the Great Powers are scrambling for oil reserves and for new sources, natural and artificial. For all plans for modern defence or aggression are keyed up to this essential product. Fleets, aeroplanes, tanks, transport, and most of the ship carriers of food and munitions cannot move without it.

So most countries are engaged in frenzied attempts to tot up and earmark every possible source of supply.

Hitler announced recently that Germany will within two years have solved completely the problem of manufacturing adequate supplies of artificial motor spirit at home.

France has enormous supplies of soft coal and shale and has studded the country with hydrogenation plants which are turning crude oils into petrol. It has, in addition, numerous oil plants in full operation.

Italy is as advanced as Germany with artificial petrol plants. Russia and Germany have their own enormous natural deposits at home.

But in Britain, in full tide of spending £1,500 millions on military and naval machinery—how are we placed for sufficient supplies of oil and petrol to drive this machinery? It is a sad, and in some ways a scandalous, picture.

Over 80 per cent. of Britain's stocks and consumption of oil is in the hands of only three companies—Shell, Anglo-Iranian and Anglo-American. The stocks built up are sufficient to last for three months of normal peace use but only about a month of use on a war footing.

We use 9,000,000 tons of oil a year. Nearly all of it, whether in peace or war, reaches this country by way of hundreds of miles of vulnerable tank steamers over thousands of miles of ocean.

Arrived here, it is stored in dozens of above-ground "tank farms," all easily accessible and "jam" to the air bomber. A dozen concerted raids would have a fair chance of bringing our entire fighting machine to a full stop.

What has been done to improve our position? There was talk some time ago of natural oil deposits in Britain and much optimism expressed about it in the Commons and elsewhere.

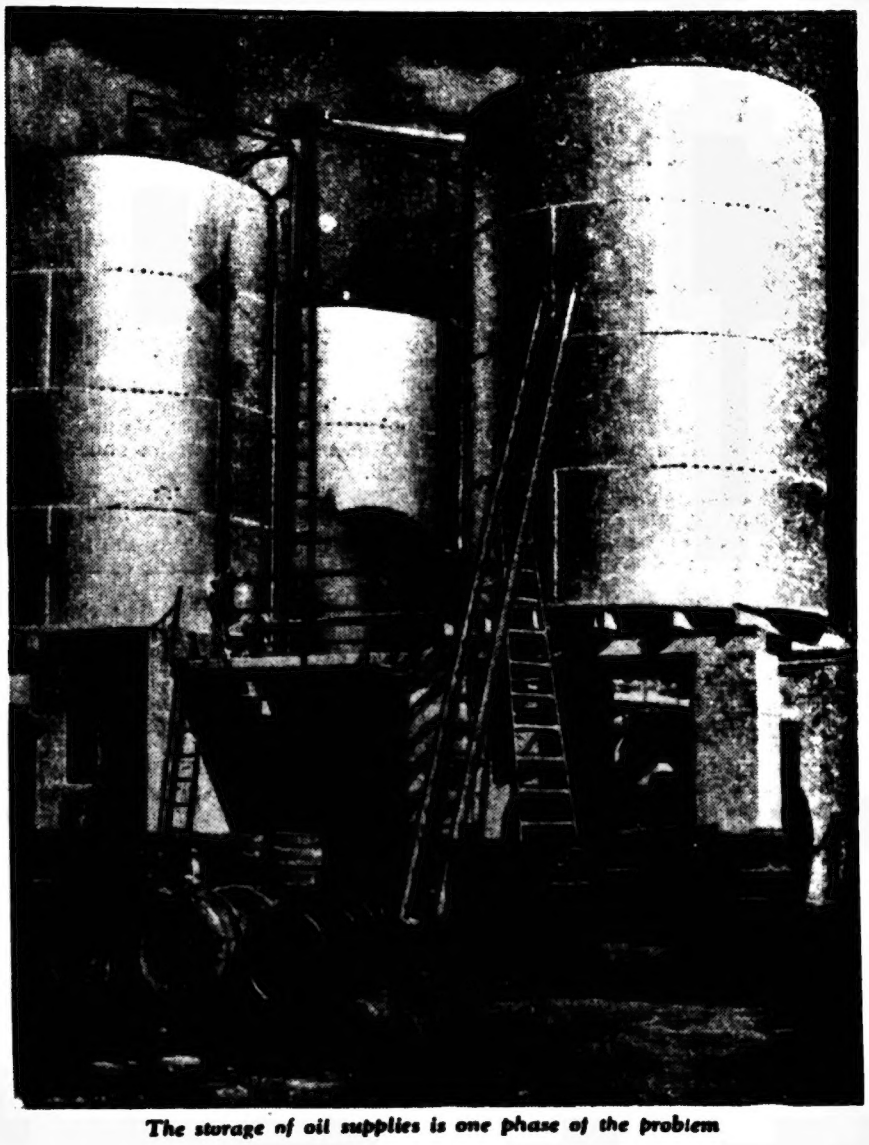
We know now that it was a vain hope. We have Lord Cadman's (Chairman of Anglo-Iranian) word for it that after spending £60,000 on first tests and after drilling 4,500 square miles of land in England only "traces" of oil have been found.

The examination has been thorough enough; mostly the drills have gone down to hard non-porous rock; but all we have got out of it are some holes in the ground two miles deep and some added knowledge for the geology professors about the strata beneath the soil of Britain.

What about making supplies of petrol and oil from our abundant supplies of coal? We have got 200,000 miners out of work who would be glad enough to dig up coal for oil production.

But here again there is just frustration and muddle. There is just one plant working on any scale in the whole country—I.C.I.'s works at Billingham-on-Tees. Even operating at full capacity it can only turn out *less than 3 per cent. of peace-time needs.* It enjoys an 8d. a gallon preference over imported petrols.

The chief benefits discernible so far have gone to the shareholders (I.C.I. shares upped 35 per cent. on the announcement of the preference) and in royalties to the foreign owners of the patents on Billingham's "oil from coal" process. The big oil barons also share in this competitive form of oil production because they have heavy interests in the foreign patents.



The storage of oil supplies is one phase of the problem

AT this moment we are actually exporting huge quantities of our imported heavy oil to France to be turned into petrol in some of France's many hydrogenation plants—because we have not got enough of these factories.

At the same time some of our existing oil production factories are dying for lack of support from the Government. Only a few weeks ago the West Lothian shale oil factories were employing only 4,500 workers on part time when with adequate Treasury support they could employ over 12,000 on full time. The district is actually scheduled as a "distressed area."

All attempts in the past to put oil production in this country on the same organised basis as obtains abroad have been continually and mysteriously suppressed.

You need not look far for the blame. Such organisation could not, of course, be created without Government support; and Treasury spokesmen, and inspired counsel have been loud with arguments against it.

Chief arguments against are (1) that such factories would be highly vulnerable; stored supplies would be better; and (2) that a sufficient number of factories would cost over £100 million so better to import to this amount than build. Neither of these arguments seems to have impressed the other big Powers. They have gone ahead and built factories to make themselves more independent of imported supplies.

But we believe that a third factor has weighed more heavily with the Treasury. It has thought of the £45 millions revenue it would lose if imported petrol were made at home.

The net result of the muddle, delay and tinkering with this question of adequate oil supplies has been a considerable amount of private profit and almost no public gain.

PROFITS of the main producing companies have gone up £8 million in the past year. Oil freights have gone up 100 per cent. to 42s. and tanker fleet owners have been piling up huge fortunes.

About 30 per cent. incidentally, of tanker owners who are ferrying Britain's oil supplies are foreigners. When the "Economy Government" nearly put the shipbuilding industry into the workhouse it ended tanker-building, too. And many of our laid-up tankers were sold abroad. We do not own nearly enough for the job.

One bright spot in the whole business is the revolt of some of the thirty minor producers and storage firms against the big oil barons. They are breaking away and opening their own supplies and storage depots without asking leave or submitting to any of the previous control.

An instance is the group which is establishing enormous storage depots for oil, petrol, "dope," and erecting "cracking" factories in Ireland. These independent supplies will come in very useful in time of trouble besides giving Ireland, which badly needs it, a new industry.

The more of these independents the merrier—not only for defence plans, but also for the motorist, who can hope for a cheaper and wider choice of petrols.

Britain has its representatives at these two international petroleum conferences which are now sitting. There will be endless discussions about new oilfields and some snarling and snapping, no doubt, about the hold this country possesses on the Mesopotamian and other fields.

But Britain's most urgent problem is not to find new sources of supply abroad, but to make ourselves more independent of those supplies.

EXCLUSIVE INFORMATIONS DIRECTED BY SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

GREAT *New Finance* GAME

JOHN BULL has been made aware that a mission of investigation from America, India and Palestine is being conducted in this country into the methods of a firm of investment and merchant bankers named Messrs. Heilibut Symons and Company, Ltd., and of another firm called the United Kingdom Mercantile and Finance Corporation, Ltd. These companies have adjacent offices in Chancery Lane, London.

For some time, it appears, Heilibut Symons have been sending abroad circulars emphasising the fact that for generations London bankers have found finance for the development of industry in all parts of the world.

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This is held out as a bait to foreigners in search of capital to induce them to believe that they can be quickly supplied with it from these British sources by "inexpensive and rapid English methods."

Heilibut Symons and Company advise them to submit their applications for finance in the first instance to "our colleagues"—the United Kingdom Mercantile and Finance Corporation, Ltd.

All of this must sound nice and simple to foreigners who have fair propositions in which British investors might be interested.

In further efforts to obtain custom, Heilibut Symons' "colleagues" are advertising overseas to the effect that they have capital available for loans at 4½ per cent. interest upon the security of apartment houses, farms, plantations, hotels, estates, theatres and forests, or upon the debentures of industrial and agricultural businesses.

Their hopes of lucrative business are world-wide. Documents used by these two neighbouring firms, working in conjunction, are prepared for consumption in North and South America, Palestine, Egypt, South Africa, India, Burma, the Straits Settlements, Australia and New Zealand.

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When a prospective client gets into closer contact he finds that he must sign a contract requiring payment of money in advance.

This contract contains a time clause for the completion of negotiations.

Should circumstances cause a delay through which the time limit is exceeded, Heilibut Symons and their "colleagues," the United Kingdom Corporation, are entitled to retain the advance payment.

The methods of Heilibut Symons and the United Kingdom Corporation are, to say the least, unorthodox.

Heilibut Symons have no substantial reputation.

Originally, the company—an old-established one—was a firm of merchant importers. It fell on hard times and a few years ago the name was bought by the present owners.

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The United Kingdom Corporation is merely a small private company, quite recently formed. During its brief existence it has presented for registration at Somerset House documents relating to a considerable number of small public companies with overseas directors.

No better beginning could be made by the Board of Trade in probing the new activities abroad of so-called British bankers and moneylenders than by obtaining information about the methods of these twin concerns in Chancery Lane.

The Scott family—banished from their home in circumstances becoming far too common in rural Britain

Pitiful Eviction of Sick Woman

MORE and more the administration of the Rents Acts is producing instances of injustice and heartlessness throughout the country.

Nowhere is this becoming more apparent than in the villages and rural areas, where the threat of eviction hangs over increasing numbers of families who have only the remotest chance of obtaining other accommodation.

Inhabitants of the quiet little Norfolk village of Burston, near Diss, have just witnessed one of the most heartbreaking eviction scenes that has ever taken place in rural Britain. It occurred at the cottage of George Scott, a farm labourer.

The local constabulary was present, but took no active part in the eviction.

Piece by piece the modest furniture of the dwelling was taken out and dumped. Mrs. Scott, fighting a losing battle against her tears, and her husband and children formed a pathetic group of onlookers.

The poor woman has been seriously ill for months with rheumatism and heart trouble. For that reason, on the day of the eviction, she had to be wheeled from her cottage in a bath-chair.

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When the case of Scott first came before the Diss magistrates an ejectment order was sought on the grounds that the rent was £2 8s. in arrears and that Scott had been a nuisance to the landlord.

Scott disputed the amount of arrears, while his wife, unhappy at appearing in a court for the first time in her li[fe] declared that the rent had been r[e]peatedly offered, but refused.

The explanation of the "nuisance" allegation is that Scott is outspoken [in] his blunt Norfolk way; but nobo[dy] would expect him to speak with th[e] grace of a diplomat. When he has co[m]plaint or observation to make, he e[x]presses it forthright.

The magistrates who occupied t[he] Bench at Diss were seemingly surpris[ed] when this labourer asked for his ca[se] be adjourned so that he could obt[ain] legal aid.

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This seemed a reasonable request—b[ut] not to the magistrates! They informe[d] Scott that he must surrender poss[es]sion of his cottage within a month.

At a subsequent sitting it was r[e]ported that possession had not be[en] given up. A solicitor then appeared f[or] the labourer and asked for time [to] allowed him to pay off the arrears [of] rent. The Bench granted Scott [a] further period, and, failing his remov[al] issued a warrant for his eviction.

So Scott again tried to find a home—a hopeless task in such a small vill[age] as Burston, as it is still in countless areas of the country.

So, on a dismal morning this week husband, his crippled wife and childr[en] were banished from their home. It seemed that they would have to go to the workhouse, until kindly neighbours arranged for them to have temporary accommodation in a school which [is] pupils were on holiday.

But the school resumes next week and the Scotts will then have only [the] choice of the workhouse.

Meanwhile, the cottage from which they had been evicted remains empty.

A JOHN BULL representative who visited Burston found Mrs. Scott in her invalid chair. "We have lived respectably and brought up our children decently, only to be treated worse than dogs," said this poor woman as she fought back her tears.

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Those who know the husband best say that he is a man of good character and a splendid worker. He enlisted for his country's service in the first month of the war, and suffered in health as a result of years of war service. He has lost job and the respect of his employer.

It is unfortunate that the justices of Diss who heard his plea did not temper justice with common-sense—to say nothing of mercy.

The story of the Scotts is a tragedy of the countryside that is becoming [all] too common.

A Guild of Gush

BY far the most impudent charities imposition known for years has revealed itself in an organisation called the National Guild of Deliverance, which is obtaining money by downright fraud in towns over the length and breadth of the country.

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The so-called Guild, according to the regiments of house-to-house collectors working in its name, exists:

(1) to succour families suffering privation in the stricken industrial areas;

(2) to dispense benevolence to professional and business people and gentlefolk who have experienced reversal of fortune; and

(3) to conduct on a national basis a fund for the provision of footwear to necessitous children during the approaching winter.

The measure of charity which the Guild would be able to provide on these lines can be best judged from the fact that the professional collectors combing the country for money on its behalf are allowed to deduct for themselves no less than 10s. 6d. out of every pound they obtain from the public—plus 2s. per day for expenses!

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That, in itself, forms one of the worst examples of plundering in the guise of charity that has ever had to be recorded.

But the truth about the Guild of Deliverance is much more sinister. Actually, there is no such organisation.

The Guild is no more than a device conceived for his own enrichment by an individual known as Major Elliott Warner.

Not one shilling of the money he has already amassed has been expended on any kind of service to the poor and needy—and none ever will be.

Warner is a rogue.

Until a few months ago he was engaged on a totally different type of swindle.

He was then directing a supposed firm of provision importers which offered big money bonuses to regular buyers of tea sold in packets from door to door.

It was known as Metropolitan and Town and County Traders and was fraudulent also in every respect.

FORTUNE FANTASY

UNTIL not many years ago a group of swindlers in Spain made a steady and lucrative income at the expense of credulous people in Britain by what was known as the Spanish prisoner letter-trick.

Supposedly from a prison in Spain—but actually from a kind of letter factory—appeals for financial help were sent out by members of the gang who represented that they were in jail for political offences.

They pretended that they sought the assistance to enable secretly-hoarded wealth to be recovered without the knowledge of their political oppressors.

In the end, publicity destroyed the fraud so far as Britain was concerned.

Now it has been revived in new form. In the past week tens of thousands of cyclostyled letters have been showered on this country from Valencia, the present seat of the Spanish Government.

This time the writer of the stereotyped document declares that his brother is a military prisoner in the hands of General Franco, the insurgent leader, and that he has £35,000 on deposit in a London bank.

It is desired to send the brother's sixteen-year-old daughter from Valencia to Britain for safety and education.

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Anyone who is willing to remit £15 in British currency to the writer to pay for her transport to England, and who will provide her with a home, is promised the written authority of her prisoner-father to appropriate one-third of the £35,000 lying in the London bank!

The preposterous letters are written on what should make good kindling paper.

Swimming Pool *Death* Menace

DURING the summer now closing there have been more bathing-pool deaths in Britain than in any previous year.

Still more disquieting are the extraordinary circumstances in which so many of the fatalities have occurred, and the remarkable fact that, following the long and sad series of casualties, absolutely no assurance has been given anywhere that steps are to be taken to prevent further exaction of the tragic toll.

JOHN BULL has undertaken an investigation of the latest three instances of death that seems to have been unnecessary loss of life. It will be seen from each how alarming has become the position to which they are common examples, although in every case the death was legally accidental.

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Take first the drowning of an eight-year-old boy, George Young, of East Barnet, in the Finchley swimming pool the other day.

He met his death in a large pool, [illegible] deep at one [illegible]. But his parents had told him that he must paddle only in the children's small pool, a stretch of [illegible]-water less than 1 ft. deep.

Eight-year-old George Young

There is no reason to believe that the boy disobeyed this order but entered the large and deep pool accidentally.

It is a sound supposition that he went to the edge of that pool to watch [illegible] bathers diving and using the chute and that he slipped and fell in the water.

At least twenty people must have been within a few yards of the spot where he somehow went in the water, and the pool is well staffed for supervision purposes.

But when the child's body was recovered it was found that he had been so long in the water that artificial respiration was useless!

An inquest has been held into the death of little George Young, but the coroner sat without a jury and no more evidence was allowed to be heard than would justify the verdict of accidental death.

Not a word was allowed to be spoken which might repair the damage that must be done to the confidence of parents who allow their children to visit municipal bathing pools.

Nor has the Finchley Council made any effort to open a wider investigation of the mystery of the boy's death or to give the slightest assurance to the public that in future children will not be allowed in the vicinity of the adults' deep pool unaccompanied or without the supervision of a bathing-attendant.

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In view of the failure to do these things it is obviously the duty of the Minister of Health to remind the Finchley Council of its public responsibilities.

As distressing, and meriting equal criticism are the circumstances attending the death of a fourteen-year-old girl, Hannah Marsh, in a swimming pool at Featherstone, Yorkshire.

She was in the water with some young companions and got out of her depth. Her little friends called for help, but there was no attendant present and their efforts to save her were unavailing.

One child had to leave the bath to bring the manager. The only other "official" on duty anywhere in the vicinity of the pool seems to have been a thirteen-year-old boy, who was issuing the admission tickets.

It was just another bathing fatality in the eyes of local officials. The tragedy has produced no greater sequel than a recommendation that there should be a "better measure of supervision."

Far too many recent fatalities have occurred in pools of peculiar construction, and it is becoming clear that the Ministry of Health cannot much longer delay the production of regulations by which these places should comply, in structure, with specified standards of safety.

In Manchester there is what is known as the Sunlight House Swimming Pool, where a youth of twenty-two named Joseph Ellis has lost his life.

This bath is shallow on all four sides for a space of 5 yds. Then the bottom slopes sharply to a depth of 8 ft.

With deplorable ease, it is possible for a non-swimming bather in pools of this type to be pushed or to find himself slipping down the sharp slope into the deeper water.

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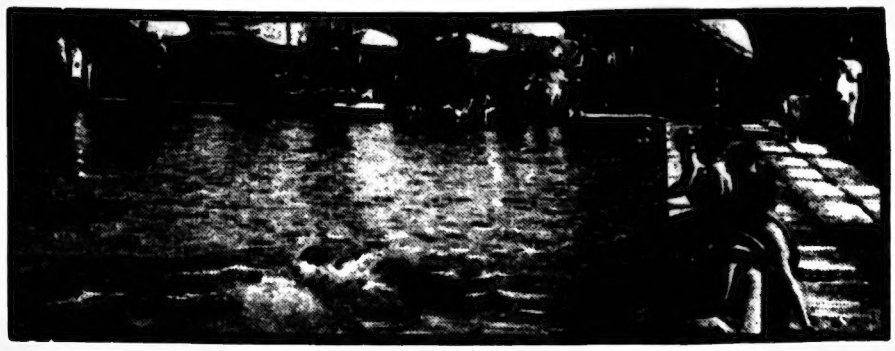
The suddenness with which death can be met is exemplified by the case of Ellis, who, although he was seen struggling and was brought to the side with all speed, did not recover when artificial respiration was applied.

And no more has emerged from this fatality than an implied rebuke by the Manchester City coroner to the owners of the pool because they had given him no assurance that a dangerous state of affairs would be removed. There is no doubt, however, that the proprietors will now introduce adequate safety measures.

But these three deaths alone in the last few days provide sufficient evidence of the urgency of the need for legislation dealing with the construction and control of all public bathing pools in the country.



Legislation is urgently needed to stop pleasant scenes like this becoming spectacles of sudden and needless tragedy

SANE WOMAN'S TEN YEARS' CAPTIVITY

THIS is a case without precedent of a sane and healthy woman being deprived of her liberty without just cause and without even any judicial order by magistrate or judge.

She is Miss Rosa Clarkson, now thirty-seven years of age, and for years she has been held in bondage by the lunacy authorities.

It is true that, before she was deprived of her liberty, Miss Clarkson had been a somewhat high-spirited young woman and troublesome to some of her relatives.

But that was no reason why she should be sent into what is likely to become life-long exile. That happened when she was suspected of stealing a small sum of money, but it has to be pointed out that no charge was ever made against her—the reason, without doubt, being that there was no evidence on which to found one.

Local officials in Essex saw a chance, however, to have Miss Clarkson dealt with by their own methods.

They had her sent to a lunacy establishment at Colchester.

For more than ten years the woman's seventy-five-year-old mother and her sister have fought an unceasing but unsuccessful battle to have her restored to them.

Without giving any reason or explanation, the authorities reject or ignore every appeal to allow Miss Clarkson to return to her kith and kin. The most they will concede is that she can be allowed to leave the asylum on licence to work as a domestic servant with a private employer.

Miss Clarkson

The woman is neither insane nor in any way mentally unstable.

Unknown to the asylum authorities, Miss Clarkson has been brought to London and thoroughly examined by one of the foremost mental specialists in the country—a man whose testimony has been accepted again and again by the courts and who has had more experience in the diagnosis of mental derangement than most other practitioners in all Europe.

"I am at a loss to understand," he writes, "how anyone could by any stretch of imagination regard this woman as other than normal from a mental as well as a physical standpoint."

In her appearance, behaviour and manner of speech, he adds, there is nothing to suggest any departure from the normal from a medical standpoint. This applies equally when her mental state is more directly investigated.

The famous specialist does not finish his comments there—strong and definite though they are. He says next:

"If the history of this woman's case is to be accepted, not only have the laws relating to mental defectives been wrongly administered, but they have been exploited to serve a purpose for which they were never intended."

Seldom can any great medical authority ever have been impelled to compose a certificate in such downright and stern language.

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On the strength of such a report, it would be thought that the lunacy authorities would have immediately ordered that Miss Clarkson should be restored to her fullest freedom.

Instead, they have turned a stone-deaf ear to the appeal which accompanied the specialist's declaration. They will not even give any reason for so stubbornly ignoring the contents of this dramatic document.

Members of Parliament are at last awakening in considerable numbers to the scandals which are being perpetrated in the name of the lunacy laws.

The fate and suffering of thirty-seven-year-old Miss Clarkson should now rouse them to vigorous action.

Injured Child Turned from Hospital

EVEN the political opponents of Sir Kingsley Wood concede without stint that, since his appointment as Minister of Health, his Department has been largely revitalised.

Most of all is this change noticeable in connection with the supervision of the hospital services of the country. It is now known that every case of inadequacy, negligence, inefficiency or lack of humane consideration is dealt with personally by the Minister with a view to the prevention of future repetition.

It is therefore with more than usual confidence in his response that JOHN BULL invites Sir Kingsley to obtain by his own methods evidence relating to the spirit of administration of the Children's Hospital at Sunderland.

His discoveries about this large and important institution are likely to be melancholy ones.

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Especially so if investigation is made of the manner in which a twelve-year-old boy, George Thompson, of South Durham Street, has been dealt with there.

A few days ago this boy was very severely injured by moving wagons on the railway in the vicinity of the grounds of a gasworks where he had been at play.

With all speed, the lad was removed in an ambulance van to the Children's Hospital.

There he was examined, and it was seen that, among other injuries, both his arms were terribly lacerated. Almost all the flesh had been torn away.

An official asked little George his age.

"Twelve," he was able to mutter.

"When were you twelve?" was the next question.

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The child, between his moans, gave the date of his birthday.

It was fifteen days previously.

The people who had accompanied Thompson to the hospital were astounded when they heard what followed.

They were informed that no treatment could be given to him. His wounds were not even dressed.

He was fifteen days too old!

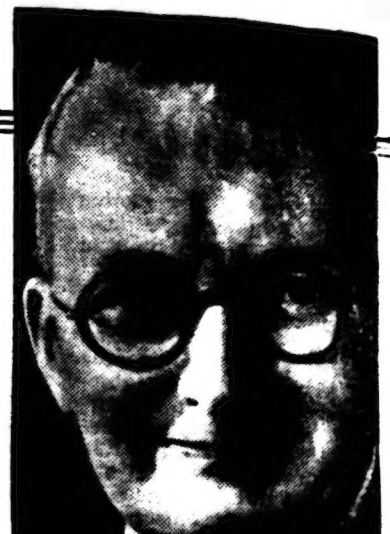
It is a rule of the hospital, it was explained, that only boys and girls under the age of twelve could have the services of the surgeons or physicians.

So the boy in his agony had to be carried back to the ambulance and taken to a hospital for adults a mile away. There the doctors found his condition to be so serious that an immediate operation was necessary.

JOHN BULL has good reason to believe that it is by no means unusual for suffering children to be refused admission to this strange hospital because they happen to be slightly over the age of twelve.

Sir Kingsley Wood's line of action, now that he has been acquainted with the facts, will be awaited with interest.

"For he's a jolly SOUND fellow-



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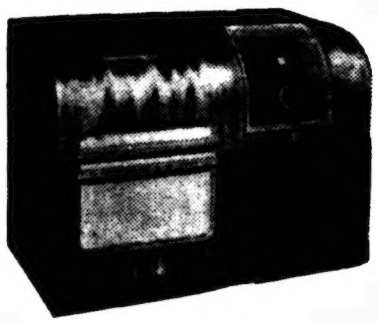

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DEAR SIR LEONARD HILL,—More than once I have emphasised the menace of the empty cradle.

My warnings have been ...ly underlined by your repetition ...e alarming fact that, if the present ...d continues, by the end of the century Britain's population may have ...n to five million.

...at means a shrinkage to about half ...e present population of London.

...though there are those who adopt ... attitude "We'll be dead then—so ... worry," I am glad you have ...ed that this problem cannot be ...ed so lightly as that.

...d mathematical calculation of ...h and death rates provide startling ...f that not only Britons, but the ...e nations generally, are heading for ... That if the declining birth ... is not checked the population will ...me composed more and more of ...d people and grave economic and ... troubles will be the inevitable ...

...though I realise that a ... dwindling population ...ld spell the decline of Britain as a ... Power in the world I cannot blind ... the fact that in most cases the ...e nations appear to be the ... ones.

...e can't be overlooked that the ... multiplication of modern social ...ems is encouraging many people to ... that nowadays begetting a family ... rash to be avoided.

...ould be idle to deny that there ... those who prefer cars to cradles and ...ma, comforts to having children. ... you, Sir, have put the matter in a ...shell when you say that people are ... having babies because they cannot ...ord them.

...s it duty to the State fall rather ... beside the cost of having babies.

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...Women have not lost the urge for ...herhood nor have men ceased to de... in the play and laughter of little ...

...Fear and insecurity are more to blame ... selfishness for small families and ...dless marriages.

...I feel confident you will agree that ... determined attempts are made to ... these anxieties from modern life ... the problem of decreasing popula... ought to start solving itself.—JOHN BULL.

...d HAWKE,
...s Cricket Legislator

...MY LORD—Although you opposed it, ...I had you have wished success to the ...llenge match between Yorkshire and ...ddlesex which starts to-day.

...It was said that the proposal of a real ...ring ...include should have received ... well-merited reception that it did.

...Again join me in the hope that the ...Cricket Club won't get snuffy now and ...cide to wash out the fixture with a ...—JOHN BULL.

...MALCOLM CAMPBELL: Congratu... Sorry cannot keep up with your ... records.—JOHN BULL.

...J. T. HIGGS,
...Staffs Coroner

DEAR SIR,—That the life of a woman ... body was recovered from a pond ... have been saved had anyone with ... knowledge of first-aid been at hand is ... to contemplate.

You very truly observe that to be ... with such knowledge is a mark ... good citizenship.

It is a pity that first-aid tuition isn't ... part of the curriculum of every school. —JOHN BULL.

...H. G. WELLS,
...Modern Prophet

DEAR MR. WELLS,—As an ex-school ... yourself you know that the ... profession is always fair game ... criticism.

I am not overlooking the light... side of some of your latest sar-

"People not having babies because they cannot afford them"

casms, but the bright youngsters of to-day hardly confirm your suggestion that two-thirds of their teachers are dullards who need "doing up."

If teachers were given more time, smaller classes, and a more sensible syllabus they might produce more of the results you would like to see—JOHN BULL.

Mrs. ESTHER HOWARD,
Bedfont, Middlesex

DEAR MRS. HOWARD,—Scurrilous letter-writers have terrorised you, your husband and three children, who live in a lonely cottage, because of the part you played in recapturing three runaways from a Borstal institution.

Having fully investigated the facts, I say that in your position every right-thinking wife and mother would have acted as you did.

When the runaways invaded your little garden, accosted your nine-year-old daughter, demanded food and clothing, and threatened you, I think you deserve praise—not persecution—for the plucky way you faced the situation.

But cowards, not knowing the full circumstances, have singled you out for abuse. I hope the authors of some of these poison-pen letters will be run to earth and taught a much-needed lesson. —JOHN BULL.

TOMMY FARR: Glad you've proved your worth in black and white.—JOHN BULL.

Herr ERNST BOHLE,
Nazi Leader

SIR,—If wiser counsels prevailed you would not be allowed to enter this country for the specific purpose of organising the German colony in London.

Your coming, I fear, brings the menace of the rubber truncheon to many Germans here who hate Nazidom as much as I do.

It might serve Hitler's purpose to drag into the toils of Nazi Party discipline all Germans resident in this country—whether they like it or not.

But it should be made clear to you that we won't tolerate any exhibitions of Nazi political gangsterism here.—JOHN BULL.

Rev. A. E. FORREST,
Vicar of Mathon, Hereford

REV. SIR,—There might be fewer empty pews if there was more punch from the pulpit.

Such straight talk as came from you in protesting against the raw deals handed out to farm workers, and your criticism of the bishops and parsons who pretend not to notice what the Scriptures say about the oppression of the poor, is refreshing.

Much more helpful than the bemoaning by another vicar that the hardest fact he has had to face for years is that the choir don't look the same way as he does during the creeds.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. E. V. LUCAS: Plenty of other "poor fish" unhonoured in England besides eels —JOHN BULL.

ROSE LILLEY,
Chatham

DEAR ROSE,—You are not the only girl who has come to grief as the result of winning a beauty competition.

Many girls face undreamt-of risks by falling for what, except in rare instances, are merely paltry publicity stunts.

Sometimes they pay bitterly for being born with good looks, and when they make lapses often they deserve more sympathy than censure.

I can't help feeling sorry for you, as I do for the pathetic list of those like you who have discovered that this beauty queen blurb gets a girl nowhere. —JOHN BULL.

STANLEY GANE,
Dartford

ROTTER,—When there are so many decent folk struggling along on short commons, wasters like you don't deserve a good job.

Although you earned £5 18s. a week, you have been sent to prison for ill-treating and neglecting your three children.

On one occasion you gave your wife only 6½d., having gambled the rest of your wages on dogs.

The dogs you appear to think so much about wouldn't harbour people like you in their kennels.—JOHN BULL.

M. STALIN: Why not help Soviet scientists cure 'flu by shooting germs for sabotage?—JOHN BULL.

Not From HEROES the B.B.C. DON'T CARE

IF any husband or his mate
Feels moved to have a row,
Let them, I beg, put off the date.
The motto, "Do it now,"
Should be ignored. Let them contrive
To wait, and they will find
Skilled marriage-menders soon will strive
To work a change of mind.

If for a few short weeks they will
But struggle to postpone
Hostilities, they'll coo and bill
With fervour yet unknown.
For from October naught will be
In "Mon Repos" amiss,
Since Whitehall's out to guarantee
State-aided wedded bliss!

Having for some time done its muddled best to pursue a policy of non-intervention in foreign brawls, the Government has decided to adopt quite a different policy on the home-sweet-home front.

From next month instigators of or participants in warfare in suburban areas will find that what they have hitherto regarded as purely private dust-ups are subject to the provisions of the Summary Procedure (Domestic Proceedings) Act.

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Under this latest addition to our overcrowded statute-book, 40 officials, male and female, are to be appointed to investigate *casus belli* in "The Nook," "The Nest," the house next door or the flat above, with a view to inducing domestic Francos or Mussolinis to change their tactics for those of the turtle-dove.

You can't do that there 'ere

Apparently these officials are to take the place of the old League of Relations, which often in the past has intervened, with varying degrees of success, in these (more or less) civil disturbances.

What precisely are to be the powers of the 40 hearth and home inspectors is not clear. Whether they will visit notoriously bellicose areas with a view to arranging Locarno Pacts or will wait until bombs, in the form of vases and time-payment dinner services, are flying before they intervene remains to be seen.

Despite the dangerous nature of their work, these marriage-menders are not to be armed. All that is proposed is that 25 of them shall take a social science course and the other 15 attend lectures on sociology and law and receive "practical training in handling domestic problems."

According to a Home Office official, qualities required of applicants for enrolment in this matrimonial salvage corps are "good education" and an ability to "tell a husband and wife how to live serenely, or how to deal with their errant children."

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But the Act is silent as to what is the correct procedure for an official dealer in good advice if the warring factions emulate a recent Geneva example by cocking a snoot or projecting 'arf a brick at the representative of the serried might of Whitenall.

Many an earnest peacemaker ere now has paid dearly for mistaking a private brawl for one in which anyone could join. And many a time and oft a couple engaged in what, to an outsider, seemed a life-and-death struggle under Marquess of Dogberry rules have become dangerous allies when their domestic discord was menaced by a well-meaning intruder.

Although heroes don't care, Whitehall, if its officials are to be protected against the serious risks nowadays run by non-combatants, should forthwith issue an edict declaring flat-irons and rolling-pins contraband within the meaning of its new Act or pact or whatever it is. Y. Z.

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Undefending and unarmed nations, China, Abyssinia, Spain, have been pounced on by the bandits of Rome and Tokyo without warning, without declaration of war and with every instrument of fiendish savagery.

In this orgy of gangsterism no regard is paid to the rights and interests of third parties.

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Meanwhile, British vessels are being seized or bombed by the gangsters at work in Spain. Repeated demands made by our Government to Franco for redress and surrender of the ships are treated with studied contempt as if they were the protests of an office boy.

Just as Japan is claiming the overlordship of the Chinese seas, so Mussolini is claiming the overlordship of the Mediterranean. No right of way is to be allowed there for anybody whose political principles do not bear his hallmark.

Ship after ship, engaged in carrying cargo, has been torpedoed, not merely in the neighbourhood of Spain, but two thousand miles away at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

That they are torpedoed by Italian submarines is a probability which is not challenged and which is so strong as to amount to certainty.

For while the farce of non-intervention goes on, Mussolini makes no pretence that the Spanish war is not his war.

He proclaims it, defiantly, brazenly, after the gangster fashion.

He glories in the Italian divisions which have conquered at Santander. He proudly bellows to the world the names of his generals who have won this "famous victory."

As a consequence of this reign of barbarism, all the elaborate texture of world peace is destroyed. The League of Nations Covenant, the Kellogg Pact, the Far East Treaty of the nine nations, all are wastepaper, spat upon and insulted by the gunmen Powers who signed them only to seize the first convenient opportunity to betray them.

BRUTE force is in the saddle and the cream of a world organised for peace is dead. Every nation is arming with all its might, and no one can predict the morrow or say where the strain will break and plunge us all into universal catastrophe.

It is easy now to see where the peace Powers went wrong. If they had taken up the first challenge of the gunmen in Manchuria, called the Japanese bluff by bold diplomatic and economic action, the terror would have been stayed.

But they faltered and temporised, and to every "Hands up!" of the bandits they have replied with "Kamarad," until the gospel of Al Capone threatens the whole fabric of civilisation.

If that threat is to be averted the civilised world must act and act together. It has failed hitherto because it has had no collective policy to meet the brute challenge of the dictators.

That is why the dictators have won. That is why they will continue to win if the forces of peace are not mobilised on a common front.

With the efforts to avoid a general war by persuasion and moral appeal we must all sympathise. The policy of non-intervention in Spain which we have backed has been a ghastly failure, but that does not mean that we were wrong in backing it.

For the alternative was the practical certainty of a general war.

That, at least, has been delayed. And time, it may be argued, is on our side. Give the bandits rope enough and they will hang themselves is a not untenable view. Their very success may well have in it the seeds of failure. They are biting off more than they can chew.

The difficulties of the dictators are growing daily more apparent.

Mussolini is discovering in Abyssinia a vast white elephant. His army is merely a garrison in the midst of a terrifying country occupied by rebellious and unconquered tribesmen.

His tool in Spain is as far off a complete conquest of the Peninsula as ever. And the deeper Japan gets in the Chinese adventure the greater grows the strain on her financial and economic resources, the more her isolation is increased, and the more the domestic discontent with the military dictators, evidenced in the recent general election, is intensified.

AS for Germany, all the convincing and reliable evidence goes to show that the totalitarian insanity is moving to an inevitable crash.

If you doubt this, read the impressive analysis of conditions in Germany to-day which has recently appeared in the *Manchester Guardian*.

Yes, in the long view, it is not unreasonable to believe that the militarist threat to civilisation will collapse from its own internal disorders. In that sense time is on our side, and patience is the wisest policy.

But it must be patience fortified by power and by the determination to meet the challenge of brute force with all the resources of the civilised world if that challenge can no longer be avoided.

Those resources are still paramount. In material and financial strength the nations that stand for civilisation are overwhelmingly superior to any combination of the bandit Powers.

In moral strength their superiority is no less supreme. For the peoples of the world—even the peoples of the brigand Powers—want peace.

But those resources must be mobilised for a common task. The key to that mobilisation is co-operation between the two standard-bearers of the white civilisation, the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America.

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In other words, life is exactly what you make it. If you want to enjoy life, there's only one way to do it—and that's to go out and enjoy it, enjoy everything you do, enjoy working and enjoy playing. No one can enjoy life for you. That's a thing you've got to do for yourself. The people who don't know when they're happy are the people who go around expecting others to provide their happiness for them. They're doomed to disappointment, for it just can't be done.

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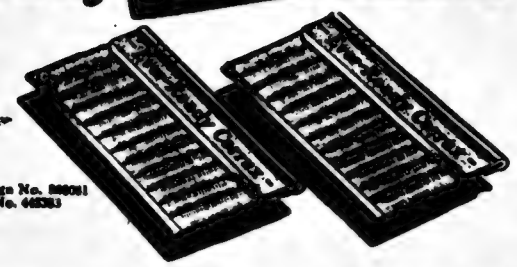

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AMAZING *Legacy* FRAUDS

LEGACY looters are working under high pressure, trustfully hoping for a good autumn season.

In a variety of country newspapers in England and Scotland personal advertisements are appearing at the present time of an intriguing, curiosity-provoking nature.

Generally the advertisements appeal to persons of a certain name to communicate with an office—it may be in London, Manchester or Leeds, the location is movable—in connection with a matter likely to prove of financial advantage.

Usually the advertisements are of two kinds, of which the following are examples (names for obvious reasons are fictitious in the quotations):

"Will individuals bearing the name of Jack or White in the Taunton area of Somerset who may have had forebears who emigrated to Canada during the last century kindly write to ——?"

That is one typical kind, while another is:

"Legal Notice.—Relating to the estate of the late John Smith, of ——, in the State of ——, U.S.A., whose family is known to have come originally from the neighbourhood of Shrewsbury, England, and regarding which proceedings are pending in the State Court, will persons bearing the name of Smith, who may be distantly related to the aforesaid John Smith deceased, please write in full confidence to ——?"

'A real ghost

All manner of changes are played on the advertisements, just according to circumstance. The late lamented Smith, Jones or Robinson may have died in Canada, the United States, or Australia, leaving property to be shared by his relatives in England.

It does not matter really where Smith, Jones or Robinson lived, made a fortune and died then, in the fullness of time, departed for he is entirely mythical; *a real ghost.*

Naturally, people of the stated name, who see the advertisements, answer them. They wonder what it is all about and say among themselves, "We will write and see. There cannot be any harm in doing that."

After a reasonable delay, they receive a reply from what purports to be an attorney's office in the "country of origin." This letter points out that there appears to be little doubt they are rightfully interested in the estate. Their claim will be fully investigated if they forward a small sum—£1 in most instances—for the essential fees to cover inspection of documents.

If the bait is taken, and the money sent, there will inevitably follow encouraging communications, suggesting the certainty of their reaping benefit, but also asking for other payments to meet outgoing expenses.

So it goes on, the parties in this country handing out cash in the expectation of ultimate benefit, until finally there is a complete cessation of news from the supposed lawyer overseas. That is the end; the victim being left without redress.

This legacy confidence trick is conducted in many different fashions. One variant introduces a rather elaborate system under which "units" in the "valuable estate to be divided among the relatives of the deceased" can be purchased.

In this swindle—which has proved extraordinarily effective according to the information before us—the more units one acquires the greater the legacy. A preposterous proposition, of course, and yet it succeeds.

At a modest calculation, many thousands of pounds are taken yearly from unsuspecting English people, residing mainly in country districts, by legacy looters abroad.

These rogues have their paid agents in this country, whose task it is to run accommodation address offices and insert advertisements in local newspapers. They select for their purpose family names which are particularly associated with specific districts, and they forward replies in batches to their foreign principals.

Reversing the position, American subjects are lured into absurd financial adventures on the pretext of fighting claims in England to millionaire estates *which do not exist.*

There is the notorious case of "Baron" Oscar M. Hartzell, formerly a valet, who maintained he was the heir to the "Drake millions"—a fortune of astronomical figure accumulated through the years from money left by Sir Francis Drake.

Hartzell came to this country on funds contributed by his adherents, with the avowed object of proving his rightful ownership. He contrived to make himself a nuisance and was deported.

Later, he was arrested in his Chicago hotel and charged with using the United States mail for purposes of fraud. It was proved that valet "Baron" had duped thousands of simple farmers and others in the Middle West, and induced them to subsidise his efforts "to restore to the rightful heirs the estates of Sir Francis Drake."

He represented the estate to be worth nearly £200,000,000, and to consist of Drake's Castle, Devon, with 8,000 acres of valuable lands, shipyards and docks, and other rich holdings in the British Isles, as well as hundreds of thousands of pounds in the Bank of England.

Oscar M. Hartzell, one of the biggest legacy tricksters of the day, now serving a sentence for frauds in connection with the mythical "Drake Millions." Right, the Law Courts where the falsely raised hopes of hundreds have been dashed to the ground

According to the prosecution, Hartzell promised 500 per cent. profit to the donors of his claim fighting fund.

Forty associates of Hartzell, including four women, were indicted for complicity in the Drake millions plot. It was revealed at the trial that between them they collected no less than £100,000 from credulous investors in the scheme. On the proceeds Hartzell and his confederates lived in luxury.

A sentence of ten years' imprisonment was the punishment given to the "Baron." Since his conviction he has been found to be suffering from paranoiac insanity—a form of mental disturbance arising from a fixed delusion—with him the belief that the Drake millions existed in fact instead of in imagination only.

But at least it was a highly profitable type of insanity for Hartzell—until the Federal authorities caught him.

Incidentally, in dealing with the whole question of legacy hunting, the following point should be emphasised.

Grave peril

Lunacy experts in this country agree that many cases of delusional insanity, which bring patients to the mental hospitals, occur each year in people whose minds grow unbalanced by their overmastering notion that fortunes are being withheld from them. Such idea, unless controlled, becomes a peril to the brain.

The "Fazackerley Millions"—like those of Sir Francis Drake, of glorious memory—have proved the instrument of a gigantic "racket."

So many working-class Lancashire people were bluffed into buying shares in a project to secure the reputed fortune from custody of the Chancery Court, that questions were asked in the House of Commons, pleading for official action to stop this "swindle on poor people, old-age pensioners and others."

An official statement was then made by the Home Secretary that the fortune declared to have been left by Sir Nicholas Fazackerley, a former M.P. for Preston, who died in 1767, was *simply a phantom.*

Yet another dormant estate myth, over which people, living mainly in East Anglia, have been seriously victimised is that of the "Jaques Millions."

Joseph Jaques, one-time merchant of Great Yarmouth, died and left property for which heirs could not be found.

The estate, carefully administered by the Supreme Court, is now valued at approximately £30,000,000.

That is how the story runs, and there are plenty of people in the Eastern Counties who think they are entitled to a share of Mr. Jaques's augmented savings.

Warning

But, unfortunately, the fortune is just one more will-o'-the-wisp.

Regularly individuals make pilgrimage to the High Courts to enquire about idle money, held in Chancery, which they consider rightfully belongs to them.

From time to time a special supplement of the *London Gazette* is published setting out information relating to Dormant Funds in Court, and giving in alphabetical order the names under which those funds lie.

With this list the Supreme Court Pay Office gives a carefully worded caution to the effect that:

Lists of "next of kin," "heirs of unclaimed money," etc., issued by various persons are not official publications, and sometimes contain gross misstatements, and exaggerations.

The public are also cautioned against relying on the statements of persons styling themselves "unclaimed money agents" at home or abroad, and professing to be able to recover money in Chancery on payment of fees or percentages, or to act on behalf of the "Court of Chancery."

The Supreme Court of Judicature has no such agents.

It is recommended that independent advice should be obtained before making a payment to any agency for information, searches, copies of advertisements, etc., with respect of money alleged to be in Court. Experience has shown that the information so supplied is often valueless to the person concerned.

And when the High Court of Judicature is as emphatic as that it is indeed a warning.

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One reason is that, like ourselves, those Scandinavians do not look on sporting events as a diluted form of war. Like ourselves, they have controlling bodies that can snap their fingers at politicians, and would laugh uproariously if they were given *orders* to win.

In Italy and Germany the old controlling bodies have gone. In their place are organisations that are but mouthpieces of the respective dictators, organisations that can bully, browbeat, discipline on Imperial Guard lines. They form a scandalous blot on sport.

Then the athletic season has come to an end with us the European champions, proud of the victories over France and Germany that gave us that success.

A dogmatic and quarrelsome crew in Germany certainly started to argue that we hadn't won fairly—that we made the defeat of Germany certain by choosing just the events that suited us.

But they were just Fascist politicians having their say. The facts are that the programme followed was the one laid down by the International Amateur Athletic Federation in 1929 for use in all these international meetings.

The German competitors themselves showed annoyance at the bad sportsmanship of those people, so that our sporting season was not overshadowed by that.

As far as football is concerned, we shall not be meeting any foreign eleven until December, when the Czecho-Slovakian team arrives to play England.

Feeling is always at breaking point when the Czecho-Slovaks meet Germany, and football on those occasions isn't always the model of fairness and cleanness that we like in this country, to say the least of it.

But the Czecho-Slovak players play a gentlemanly game when they meet British teams, and appear to try to imitate our methods sedulously.

No, 1937 looks like continuing as it began for British sport and athletics—a year singularly free from regrettable incidents.

But that only serves to show up in more striking relief the dog-fights that have been a blot on sport in other parts of Europe, dog-fights we have been fortunate to have missed.

There was Mussolini's withdrawal of the Italian athletes from the international university games in Paris a fortnight ago.

All because Hungary beat Italy at football and the dictator was therefore convinced that the referee must have had Hungarian sympathies, he spoiled the meeting for other countries.

He conveniently forgot the riotous reception the French people gave to the Italian airmen who won France's Marseilles-Damascus air race the week before, and how those airmen took £30,000 of good French prize-money out of the country in consequence.

A few weeks before that there were free fights between the Austrian and Italian football teams, in consequence of which the game had to be abandoned. Earlier still, rioting at the international handball match when the Italian team was doing none too well.

Then consider some of Mussolini's summary acts of sabotage against international sport in the last two or three weeks.

He it was who stopped the boxing match between Pizzmi (Italy) and Weisner (Vienna), cancelled a women's athletic meeting between Italy and Austria with a sweep of the hand and, ordering a visiting team to leave the country within twenty-four hours, threw the whole Central European Football Championship (Italy, Austria, Hungary, Czecho - Slovakia and Switzerland) into the melting-pot!

Should British players and athletes, who have been lucky enough to keep clear of such incidents this year, be ever expected again to take part in international dog-fights?

They have a right, surely, to remember that football meeting with Italy in 1935, when Italian players attacked our own with their fists and feet, assaulting them even when they stood rigidly to attention, too conscious of what sport really means to attempt to retaliate.

The time has certainly come when we should face up to this question of international sport: ask ourselves what we are going to do about it.

We have a right to refuse to meet countries which approach sport in the mad-dog spirit, who will do anything to win, believing victory to be a sign of national supremacy.

Most certainly must we never again send weak teams to tour those countries "just to give 'em a game." When we lose, as we must often do in such circumstances, our players become a laughing-stock, their failure is regarded as another sign of national degeneracy.

We can teach these people games—but we can't teach them the British sporting spirit.

Let us stick to those countries that indulge in sport in a sporting way. There are plenty of them. Their numbers are increasing, as they learn from us.

When the American, P. Keller, having received his medal for winning the high hurdles in America, saw a picture which showed the result to be wrong, and then went running round so that he could hand his award to our D. O. Finlay, he did something British athleticism will never forget.

Then there was the Murren international skating meeting. Nobl, the Austrian, one of the greatest ski-ers in the world, was winning easily when he fell and broke his leg at a difficult corner.

He lay in agony until the next man, Lunn, of England, came into sight, then he sat up and yelled advice that enabled him to win and sank back in collapse.

Let the countries that believe in that kind of sportsmanship get together and arrange as full a programme of meetings as possible—the more the merrier.

Let Britain work for that ideal. We won't care a hang then if we lose.

But as for countries to which the success of the individual or the team means nothing, whose only use for international sport is to advertise some regime or other, let them play among themselves until such time as they learn to divorce sport from politics.

Politics and You ★

THE VOICE OF FOUR MILLION

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It will, however, be defeated by a substantial majority. Instead, congress will register its belief that Britain must be strongly equipped so long as Fascism remains a menace. It will lay it down that real peace can only be secured by the revival of the League and the reopening, by common consent, of the Disarmament Conference.

Norwich will also disclose the lines of advance during the coming year. It will make clear that the full weight of organised Labour in this country is to be flung into an intensive agitation to secure holidays with pay for all workers; shorter hours, especially for those employed in the distributive trades; more adequate pensions, and a general increase of wage standards to meet the rising cost of living.

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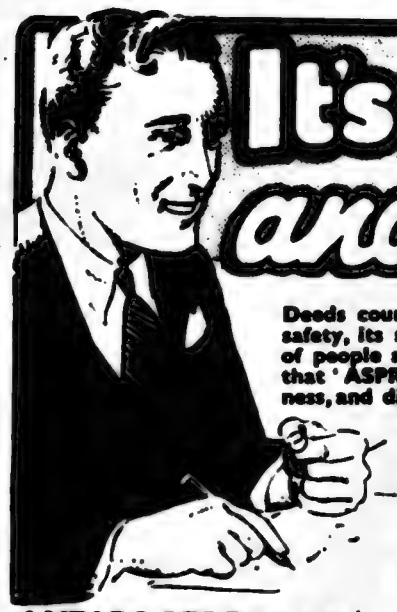

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WAR on the Mail-bag Thieves

Loading bags of mail on to a night express bound for the North. Any casual onlooker might be a Post Office detective, watching . . .

STATEMENTS of a disturbing character have lately appeared in the Press concerning the number of post office robberies and mail-bag thefts which have taken place during recent times in different parts of the country.

In many cases no arrests have been made, and one of the questions that is naturally asked is: "Are the criminals concerned outwitting the police?"

JOHN BULL has just concluded its own investigations and is able to present its readers with the answer.

It may not be generally known that the General Post Office possesses its own detective system, and that from headquarters at St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, three skilled and experienced officials head the "Post Office C.I.D."

Impudent plot

Under the directions of this "Big Three" a number of junior detectives deal with most of the smaller types of criminal cases which come to light in the course of postal work.

But in all big and more serious crimes they do not hesitate to call in Scotland Yard or the help of provincial forces at the first possible moment.

So efficient has their system of vigilance become that nowadays, although the work of the General Post Office is so vast, a high percentage of attempted post office robberies are foiled.

Last year there were forty-nine mail-bag robberies or attempts at robbery—nearly one a week! On the face of it that looks a pretty high figure, until you consider that 40,000,000 mail-bags are carried every year by rail alone.

An impudent plot, about which JOHN BULL has the exclusive details, was frustrated only a week or two ago. A man named John Talbot, of Haberdasher Street, Shoreditch, London, E.C., got in touch with a man whom he knew to be on friendly terms with a post office worker.

Talbot outlined a remarkable scheme. He said the P. and O. liner *Mongolia* was sailing for India on August 20. On it was going a very valuable mail.

He suggested that they should bribe the postal worker in question to procure a number of mail-bag labels stamped for India. He wanted them "because something was going to happen on the boat."

The second man approached the postman and, inviting his assistance, offered to share with him anything he got.

This attempt failed because, rather than become a party to the scheme, the postal clerk promptly reported the matter to his superiors, who notified the Post Office "C.I.D." immediately.

Thereafter, the postman and the intermediary acted under police instructions, and Talbot was subsequently arrested just after the labels had been handed to him in the presence of Detective-Inspector Junkin, of Scotland Yard, who was watching at the place of appointment.

Enquiries satisfied the detectives that Talbot—who may be regarded as a mere agent in the proposed conspiracy—wanted the labels for use on the *Mongolia* during its voyage.

Here, in fact, are the actual words of one of the legal experts at the General Post Office who was engaged in the case:

"The assumption is that it was intended to exchange mail-bags for fictitious bags on the boat going to India, and the labels were wanted for the purpose."

At first it was decided to charge Talbot with the grave offence of "inciting, counselling and procuring a postman to steal twelve mail-bag labels." But later the Postmaster-General thought it better to have the case dealt with summarily.

So Talbot is now in prison for four months on the reduced charge of "having attempted to steal twelve mail-bag labels, the property of the Postmaster-General."

An elderly man, Talbot has four previous convictions registered against him.

Some years ago he went to the United States, and was on one occasion sentenced in New York to four years for burglary, and on another to ten years in Boston for a similar offence.

He has been charged in England with office-breaking and larceny, and has been suspected by the authorities here of being an organiser of crime.

The theory has often been expressed that there is a super-criminal who, with the aid of agents, specialises in planning mail-bag robberies on a big scale. This is not so.

Audacious

Actually, there is in existence one gang which specialises in perpetrating all kinds of post office robberies—*i.e.*, mail-bags, breaking into country and "sub" post offices, rifling pillar-boxes, robbing telephone kiosks, and so on. They turn from one branch of postal "crime" to another as occasion offers.

That is why the same criminals (many of whom have succeeded in evading capture though the authorities are convinced they were involved) have cropped up in enquiries time after time in different parts of the country.

They resort to all kinds of subterfuges to perfect their plans.

A robbery, still unsolved, took place a few months ago in the West Country. A mail-bag was stolen from a train and its contents extracted on an isolated part of the line.

Enquiries revealed that the actual thief got into the van in an unclasped basket-trunk, and, at the appropriate moment, succeeded in throwing out the mail-bag to accomplices waiting beside the line in accordance with a prearranged plan.

These accomplices quickly picked out the valuables from the unwanted correspondence and made good an escape.

Two very audacious robberies took place at Hull early this year. The most daring occurred in February, only just a few days after one—still unsolved—in which two mail-bags were stolen from a van leaving a "sub" office.

On the second occasion the driver of the mail van, bearing in mind the previous coup, took the precaution of locking up his registered mail in the tool-box of his van. Nevertheless, the thieves, who were evidently well-informed, managed to find this hiding place during his temporary visit to a post office.

Closely watched

In this case suspicion fell upon a number of well-known criminals. One a man who then lived in Hull.

He had been known for years as a leading member of a gang, and, though the investigating authorities were satisfied in their own minds that he was concerned with the Hull mail-bag robberies, they could not secure the evidence necessary to bring it home to him.

He was watched closely, which led to the discovery that he was implicated in certain house-breaking exploits. He is now out of harm's way for four years.

This man is a very dangerous type of criminal, for he is known to have had a number of men completely under his domination; some, indeed, being brought to crime through his influence.

In a post office "hold up" some time ago in a London suburb statements were taken from several men who were believed by post office detectives to have been involved in it. One of them had previously been suspected of being concerned in the mail-bag thefts at Hull.

And here is further evidence that there are "specialists" in mail-bag crimes. In a mail van robbery which took place about eighteen months ago, and in which the thieves got away with several thousand pounds, one of the men arrested was found to have been concerned in a similar offence some years previously in another part of the country. He had changed his name in the interval, but not his methods!

Crooks rarely attempt to bribe postal employees to conspire with them. They know it is far too risky.

Except in cases like that in which labels were required, as in the *Mongolia* instance we have cited, it is comparatively easy for criminals to discover what times mail-bags are leaving a certain office or being loaded on to a certain train.

They have their own intelligence service to find out such things for them. Specially detailed members of the gang will travel two or three times on the same train to study the movements of the guards, or to see whether the van is left unattended at any particular stage of the journey.

Others make confidental reports of how mail-bags are "put off" at provincial stations, and pay special attention to stations where the methods employed are not as efficient as they might be.

Camouflage

A very simple device, where "testing" the times registered letters leave post offices, is for a member of the gang to hand a letter over the counter for registration in the usual way.

"What time will it be despatched?" he enquires. The answer generally tells him all he wants to know.

But the C.I.D. of the General Post Office to-day is the last thing in effective crime detection. Vans rarely leave an important post office with registered mail unless closely watched by plain-clothed men in motor-cars or on motor-cycles.

Until recently, all registered mails were carried only in red mail-bags. Now they are often placed in red bags first and in buff ones afterwards to outwit intending thieves. Only their immediate custodians know which of the buff bags contain a red one!

The "net-work" employed by the General Post Office in collaboration with Scotland Yard and the provincial and railways police proves another effective obstacle to the post office criminal. A whole district in which an alarm has been given can be surrounded within a few moments, and the chances of a planned crime being successfully completed are greatly minimised.

Increasing

That the same men are often active in raids and "hold ups" on post offices in villages or "sub" districts is illustrated in a case which occurred a few months ago.

Raiders entered a small post-office one night and got away with more than a thousand pounds in banknotes and postal orders.

One of the men was subsequently detained and sentenced. Among his previous convictions was one for being concerned in the theft of a mail-bag from a van driving away from a provincial post-office some years ago.

There has been a definite increase in the number of "sub" post office robberies during recent months, and it is to this particular aspect of postal crime that the men of the C.I.D. of the General Post Office are now directing their energies.

Through their endeavours, the crooks who specialise in the different forms of robbery we have dealt with here will find it even harder to operate in the future.

INDUSTRY is threatened with a new revolt . . .

A fight against "frightful conditions in London's jungle factories" is promised by the Conference of Youth Trade Unionists. And the T.U.C. is planning a big drive to organise 2,000,000 wage earners in London, mostly young people, who are shamefully exploited by their employers.

If such scandals exist in our richest city, what is the position over the country as a whole? This survey tells—for the first time—the whole bitter truth about Britain's millions of sweated workers.

SWEAT

Thousands of skilled craftsmen are made busier by the boom—but in only a few cases are their pay packets made bulkier

MORE people are working now than ever before in our see-saw history of boom and slump. People are earning more and spending more. This year of riches, the best we have had for wage increases since those half-forgotten heydays of 1920, promises to set up a new high mark for industry.

Already 1937 has dropped an extra £413,600 a week into the pay packets of some three million workers.

It's a tale everyone is glad to read. But it should be set down side by side with a story that is rarely told—the tragedy of those wage earners for whom the New Prosperity means the same old Hard Times.

Mrs. M. is one. A Yorkshire woman whose husband is unemployed. She keeps the home going by doing what in most factories is a man's job: attending a circular saw.

A hard job. One of the most dangerous in the country. Yet for a full week's work Mrs. M. takes home just 25s.

Sacked

She should get about three times as much, the standard rate for the district being 1s. 7d. an hour. Her employers have no need to pay the standard rate. They know there are plenty of workers to take Mrs. M.'s place if she objects to being sweated.

In the same factory are women getting only fourpence ha'penny an hour for machine handle polishing. They are the lucky ones. Others, women of twenty-five to thirty, receive 14s. to 15s. a week.

Two of them recently asked for a rise. They were sacked on the spot.

No facilities for washing are provided, which means that the usual risk of the job—the danger of contracting that dread skin disease dermatitis—is intensified, though naturally it is not shared by the thick-skinned gentry who own the factory.

A bad case, admittedly. But there is hardly a town in the whole kingdom which does not hide the exploitation of men, women and juveniles; hardly an industry in which non-union workshops are not thriving on the semi-slavery and semi-starvation of their operatives.

In Sheffield, the Trades and Labour Council's campaign against sweating has dragged an astonishing assortment of living skeletons from the steel city's cupboard.

One is the scandal of a young man who is a skilled shear grinder. He receives 24s. 8d. for seventy-three hours' work. Figure that out and you'll find he gets less than fivepence an hour.

Nor has the general prosperity smiled upon girls at a printing establishment who, entitled to 33s. under union rules, get 12s. and are told they "know what to expect" if they join the union. *Worst of all is the workshop which pays its girl operatives 8s. for a sixty-three hour week—three-ha'pence an hour!*

In Manchester, the Jewish Board of Guardians is doing its utmost to stamp out sweating by Jewish employers. Mr. Nathan Laski, the president, quotes as an example of the evil a man who was put into the dock for leaving his job and seeking public assistance.

When he proved his wages to be less than the relief scales, the magistrates discharged him. No wonder! An upholsterer, entitled to £3 a week, he was paid only 29s.

In the West Country, Labour leaders are fighting the cause of thousands of skilled craftsmen who work more than a full week in Gloucestershire factories for 35s. For them, rising trade means rush orders, but not a farthing for overtime.

Here and there, parsons are denouncing other aspects of the vast scandal which would take a whole issue of JOHN BULL to expose in detail.

No justice

Canon Guy Rogers, Rector of Birmingham, tells his flock that "there are millions of underpaid people for whom social justice does not at present exist."

Then, attacking the chaos and sweating in the distributive trades, he goes on: "Thousands of girls in Birmingham and Manchester are paid wages which would drive them on the streets to supplement them unless their parents continued to provide a home."

Typical of many victims is Dorothy, a girl in her early twenties. She works as a packer in a Manchester warehouse, fifty-four hours a week, for 11s. Fares, insurance, a daily cup of tea, clothes and other expenses allow her to contribute only 5s. 6d. a week towards her keep.

Or you can wonder how Mary, a Sheffield shop assistant, could manage to make both ends meet without parental support. Her firm, which has lately been fined for employing her more than the maximum hours, not allowing her proper meal intervals and failing to keep records, paid her 12s. for a 71½-hour week.

Ray of hope

And these instances can be matched in shops, big and small, all over Britain; the number of shop-girls earning less than a pound a week probably totals tens of thousands.

Nor are men much better off. Mr. Maurice Hann, general secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union, declares that in the grocery trade "persons responsible for the management of shops, as well as for cash and stock, are known to be receiving wages as low as 45s. a week, while adult male assistants are being paid wages of 30s., 35s. and 38s.

"This is not for a forty-eight hours' week, but for anything from fifty-five to sixty-five hours, and in a number of cases considerably more."

Fortunately, there is hope for shop workers. If voluntary agreements can be secured in many branches of the distributive trades, the Minister of Labour may introduce a Bill to enforce fair wages and conditions for all the two million odd workers.

The unions are fighting hard for such agreements, securing them in many cases. And support comes from Sir Frederick Marquis, new president of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade. A few days ago he admitted:

"In the past we have opposed wage increases. What we should have done was to oppose wage-cutting. It is not the trade union which is our enemy, but the man who sneaks our trade by chiselling prices because he is sweating his workpeople."

Some drapery stores now pay 52s. 6d. to men of twenty-five, 37s. 6d. for women assistants aged twenty-four and over.

But to a man like Joe, those earnings are hopelessly unattainable. Yet Joe's business has benefited quite a lot by the general trade improvement. The trouble is that Joe and his friends are allowed no share in the extra profits.

He is an under-plateman in a London hotel, in the basement of which he washes and polishes the heavy plate used by diners in the magnificent rooms upstairs which he never sees.

He has a wife and two children, though he sees little of them because his job takes up about twelve hours a day. And if you ask him how he manages to keep them and himself on 27s. 6d. a week, he'll tell you that only his wife knows.

Perhaps she, poor woman, should be the hotel's manager, for Mr. Seebohm Rowntree estimates that a working man with wife and three children, dwelling in a town, cannot live decently on less than 53s a week.

Even the aristocrats of Joe's business, the waiters who are supposed to reap fortunes in tips, could do with another helping of prosperity pudding.

If you doubt it, listen to an organiser's statement to a special meeting of the Transport and General Workers' Union:

"In the height of the West End season there are waiters in first-class hotels who make 39s. a week, including tips. They get 12s. a week from their employers.

"It is a twenty-four hour day job. They have to walk home in the rain at two in the morning, snatch a few hours' sleep, and heaven help them if they are late in the morning."

Some hotels, of course, pay well. So do some cinemas.

But you may remember Hannen Swaffer's account in these columns of cinema attendants getting as little as a pound, less insurance, for

...in the printers' shop, the shop assistant, and the tailor—each class bears the blot of sweated labour

T SHOPS *that* *hame the* NATION

an eighty-hour week. In Manchester an operator is paid 12s. 6d. for the same appalling hours!

Nor need we remind you why the Post Office is sometimes described as Britain's Biggest Sweated Industry. Or why armies of railwaymen, despite this month's restoration of their 1931 "cuts," will still find it hard to believe they are living in times of peace and plenty.

Of course, the facts are against them. Trade is expanding. Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, officially states that wages have increased in the last four years by just over a million pounds a week.

This figure is equal to nothing less than (hold your breath) 2½ per cent. on the wages of all workers, though some have got more and some have got nothing.

It is true that David Grenfell, M.P., who is usually a shrewd reasoner, estimates that in the same period we have paid out £150,000,000 a year because of the rise in the cost of living, and are therefore a hundred millions a year out of pocket.

But let us ignore Mr. Grenfell; let us presume that some people are never satisfied.

Why gratitude?

Maybe Dai Jones is one of them. He has had a rise, like all the rest of the farm workers in Merioneth and Montgomeryshire, from 28s. 6d. a week to 30s., and he doesn't see that it calls for any gratitude to his rulers and "betters."

Nor have the Warwickshire farm folk, whose earnings have jumped a shilling to 32s., recognised the occasion by public rejoicings.

To our Mayfair idlers, again, tailors must seem a peculiarly ungrateful section of the community. Despite recent wage increases, the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers' conference has produced a demand for still more.

Moreover, it calls upon the Home Secretary to do something about the "bedroom workshops" in which workers toil to produce clothing that is sold to the public at fancy prices.

The Home Secretary, it is certain, will do nothing of the sort. A pity, for the evil is growing rapidly.

Sir F. Marquis *Mr. Seebohm Rowntree*

Two staunch friends of the worker, whose example might well be followed by others

Price-cutting is the cause. As the union's president, Mr. Rowlerson declares: "The so-called small masters who own the infamous sweat-shops are but sub-contractors for the big men who, by price-cutting and deliberate restriction of orders, are not only responsible for the bedroom-workshops, but use their existence to undermine conditions in the factories also."

See how the system works. A man, his wife and daughter work at home in one room. Most likely in conditions which, as one delegate puts it, "I would not allow my dog to live in."

They are told to produce a certain garment more cheaply. By sweating themselves, they manage to do so. The reduced price is then held up as a threat to the craftsman in a proper workshop.

He therefore has to sweat his apprentices, who may be regarded as "slaves to a slave." In turn, the reduction in price which he is compelled to make means a further speeding-up in the big factory.

Then the vicious circle is reversed; a farthing save per garment in the mass production factory means a halfpenny less for the small workshop people and a penny less for the home toilers.

That is why piece workers are labouring excessive hours for payment that works out at only two or three pence an hour. Why expert tailors, if you allow for the months of the year they are idle, earn only about 8d. an hour. Why more and more juveniles are being exploited in the industry.

Sinister fact

"When I stood outside one big factory, about which I had received complaints, I thought for a moment I was watching children pour out of school. I counted, roughly, thirty youngsters to every adult worker," says Mr. J. L. Fine, secretary of the United Ladies' Tailors Union.

"In this factory the production cost of a lady's costume, sold in the West End for six guineas, is 2s. 3d."

One last fact, sinister in its significance, about this notorious industry which is supposed to be "protected" by Trade Board regulations.

Last year, out of 4,816 establishments on the Trade Board list, 912 were inspected. Of these, 108 were not paying even the meagre minimum rates, some less than half! Many kept no wage records at all, hundreds kept no time records. In all, 607 out of the 912 workshops inspected were breaking the regulations!

Incredible? But not more so than the conditions in lesser-known trades which likewise employ a large proportion of home workers.

In Manchester, women sit all day making high quality quilts at the rate of 6d. for three hours' work. For cheaper quilts they earn 4d. in the same time. Their friends who make wash-leather dusters, sold at 6d. each in the shops, are paid 4½d. a gross.

And if Disraeli were alive to-day, writing another novel which showed England to be divided among the "two nations" of the rich and the poor, he might spare sympathy for the Birmingham women who have to force metal discs on to copper radiator rods.

The discs are a tight fit, and a day's work leaves the fingers blistered and sore.

No fewer than 15,500 discs go to each 100 rods—which means about sixteen hours' toil for an expert worker — and the payment is 1s. 6d. for the lot.

Just a little better off are the Dorset women who knit string gloves at 9d. a pair, about six hours' work. Just a little worse off are those in Walsall who, making kit belts of metal, leather and webbing, are paid 9d. a dozen, or about a penny an hour.

To these victims of trades in which effective labour organisation is almost impossible, the life of the office worker must seem like pampered opulence, even though typists in many provincial towns (with hours from 8.30 till 6) receive no more than 15s. or 17s. a week.

No better

No doubt, too, they would be willing to change places with the Liverpool reader who, in our view, is being grossly underpaid for work of national importance.

A woman aged thirty-five, she is employed in a gas mask factory. When sent there last November by the employment exchange, she was promised 25s. a week for the first month, 35s. thereafter.

What she actually gets, after deducting insurance, is 26s. 3d. one week for a 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift, and 31s. 9d. for the next week for hours from 2 till 10.

Though promised a paid holiday, she and her workmates are now informed that it cannot be granted as they are temporary workers.

Yet, since they have to see that the masks are flawless, the safety of us all may one day depend upon them.

Then there are those men on whom road safety largely depends—the lorry drivers. By no means unusual is the case of the twenty-year-old driver who, in a police court case, proved his hours to be from 2 a.m. till 6 p.m., and his wages £1 less insurance.

"Talk about sweated industry!" as the magistrates exclaimed, would, in fact, be a useful slogan for those politicians who, though rightly proud of Britain's returning prosperity, ignore the millions cheated of their fair share.

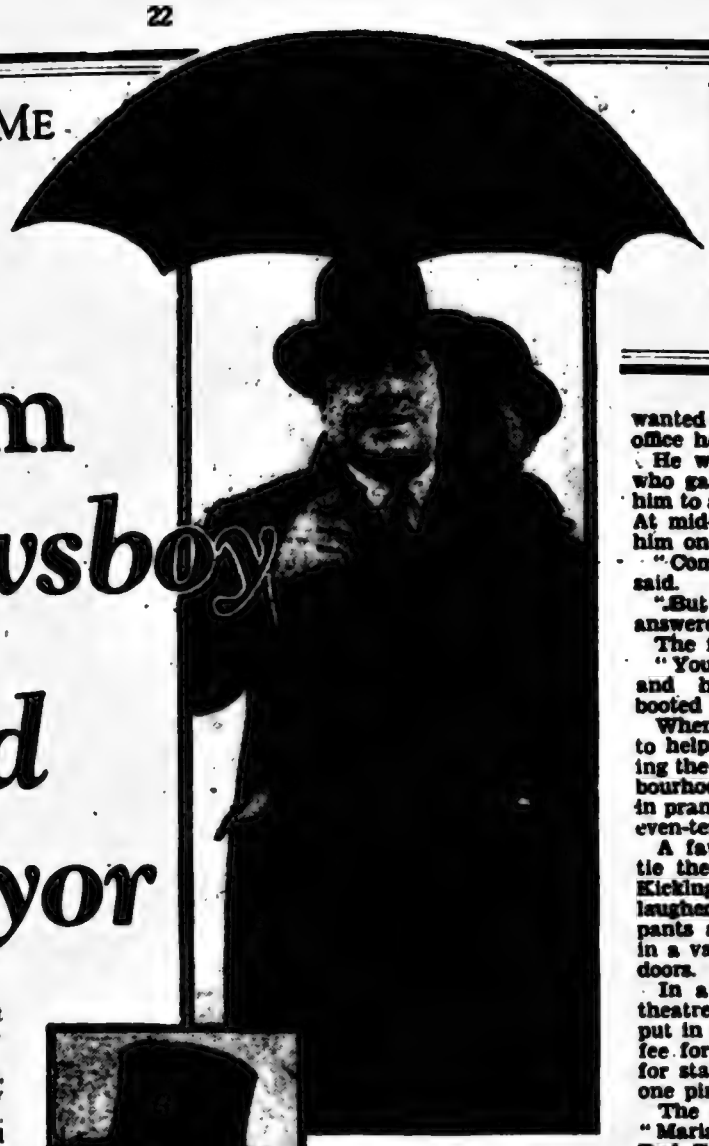
We, for our part, will continue to expose industrial evils with all the vehemence we can command.

WHAT *Manchester* DID FOR ME

BY

ALDERMAN JOE TOOLE

From Newsboy to Lord Mayor



A fierce hatred of poverty and a desire to help humanity drove him to enter public life. Manchester showed its faith in him by making him Lord Mayor

"SPECIAL! Special! Terrible murder in Salford!" screamed a ragged and grimy, plump-faced urchin as he ran down a Salford side street with a bundle of newspapers under his arm.

It was a wet night, rain was being driven before a high wind that had all day swept over the Manchester district, washing the soot-besmirched houses.

Every door in the street opened at once. The people there just loved a murder. Within a few minutes the lad had sold all his papers. Then full of remorse and fear of the police, he ran for his life, deeply regretting that he had not arranged a murder specially to satisfy his bloodthirsty, deceived customers.

He reached his tiny home in James Street, near Salford Cathedral, breathless. At the door he was greeted by his mother who, with a baby in her thin arms, looked at him doubtfully.

"What have you been up to this time, Joe?" she asked.

The lad sat down at a bare table and put the coppers he had obtained from his credulous customers into a saucer. Then he looked up at his mother and smiled.

It was the first money he had ever earned.

Mrs. Toole sat down and regarded the money gratefully. To borrow the title of a popular song, it represented to her "Pennies from heaven."

Not much, to be sure, but it would help buy food for her large family.

Weary-eyed, she looked up at her eleven-year-old son and smiled.

"Good boy, Joe," she said, and afterwards glanced sadly away.

She was thinking of the £3 that she had borrowed from a working-class moneylender.

A few weeks before she had interviewed this gentleman and asked for a loan. Satisfying himself that Mrs. Toole's goods would yield £3 in the event of her being unable to pay the loan, he asked her to fill up a form, for which she was charged 3s. When the interest was deducted, she had only £2 8s.

EACH week after that the moneylender's man called round to collect three shillings.

Even in those days, young Joe Toole could see that such practices were a swindle, and it might be said that these, together with the suffering and misery which were the general lot of his people and neighbours, acted as a stimulant to his innate desire to see the world a better place.

Being the eldest boy of a family of eleven, it was decided, when he was just over ten years of age, that young Joe must get a job and thus contribute something towards the family exchequer.

"That conference," Mr. Toole said to me, "was like the secret meeting of a Russian revolutionary society. I did not want a job, but when needs must the devil drives. That was how I started my newspaper selling business."

"You see," he added, "my father only earned 19s. a week. That was in 1898."

Joe's newspaper selling saved the family much suffering. Very soon his untiring efforts to increase the business were rewarded. He built up a large connection, and increased his income to 15s. a week—quite a fortune in those days!

Encouraged by his success, he sought to add to his income by other enterprises.

Although the residents of Salford in those days had no baths or sanitary arrangements as we know to-day, it appeared that each family regarded it as vital that the walls of their rooms should be adorned with the cheapest pictures obtainable.

"The most popular pictures," Mr. Toole said, "were 'Daniel in the Den of Lions,' and 'Moses in the Bulrushes.'

"I once convinced a playmate of mine that Daniel was a relative."

He paused and smiled.

"It was quite common to see," he went on, "a picture of the Saviour on one wall, and on the opposite wall one of J. L. Sullivan, the pugilist."

The great decorative festival season was Christmas. The walls then would display such mottoes as: "What is home without a mother?" and expressions of piety.

These mottoes young Joe Toole sold from door to door, and with the proceeds was able to buy his family most of the Yuletide luxuries.

When the South African War broke out, it was an unlucky event for some; but to young Joe it proved extremely lucky.

"In that, as in all wars," he said, "people had their great national heroes. Quick to perceive this, I invested a few pence in timber; shaping this into the form of a challenge shield, which, incidentally, was my challenge to Manchester to give me a living. I covered it neatly with a piece of black velvet, then I secured a supply of lapel buttons, on which were beautifully printed portraits of war heroes."

THE shield acted as a shop-window, and on the corner of Market Street, Manchester, indifferent to the wind and sleet, he offered his wares to passers-by. In a few minutes he had sold out.

But his success was short-lived. His competitors had a new idea. They imported photographs of the heroes, and within a short time put poor Joe out of business.

For some months after that he was unable to obtain any work at all, with the consequence that his young brothers and sisters had to go on short rations.

One Saturday morning he got up at six o'clock and walked to Deansgate. Outside Jessie Broad, Ltd., the printers, he saw an announcement that they wanted a boy. Walking boldly into the office he demanded and got the job.

He was then shown to the foreman, who gave him a large broom and told him to sweep all the floors. He did that. At mid-day, the foreman complimented him on the cleanliness of the floors.

"Come in at seven on Monday," he said.

"But I haven't left school yet," Joe answered.

The foreman scowled at him.

"You'll get me the sack," he growled, and handed him 10d., and then booted him in the pants.

When he wasn't trying to get odd jobs to help his family Joe Toole was roaming the back streets of the squalid neighbourhood in which he lived, indulging in pranks calculated to explode the most even-tempered person.

A favourite trick of the boys was to tie the knobs of two doors together. Kicking the doors afterwards, they laughed heartily at the infuriated occupants as they commenced a tug-of-war in a vain effort to open their respective doors.

In a neighbour's yard Joe started a theatre. They rigged up a stage, and put in several old chairs. The entrance fee for a front seat was two pins, and for standing room the kids had to pay one pin.

The children's favourite drama was "Maria Martin; or, The Murder in the Red Barn."

"I played William Corder," Mr. Toole

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INTIMATE INTERVIEW —2—

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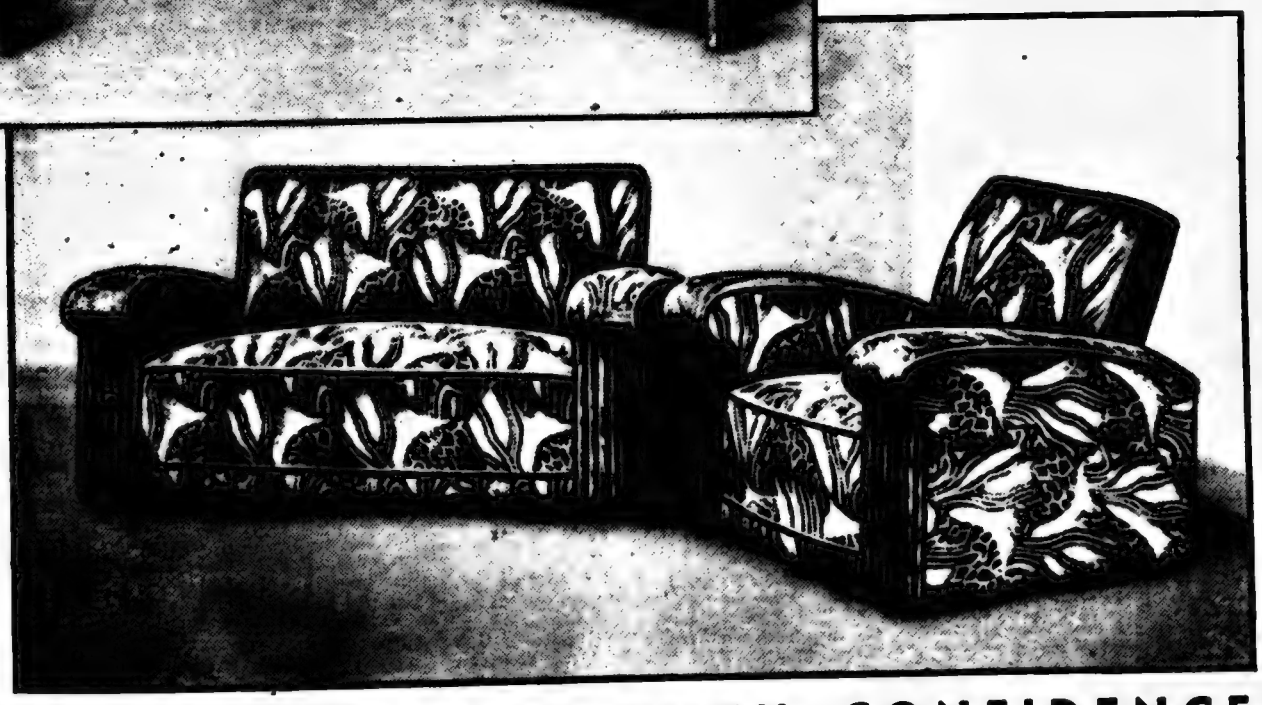

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told me, "and whenever I made my exit the house always rose and repeated my parting sentence three times.

"One of the favourites was 'Maria Martin, meet me to-night at the Red Barn.' The house would then repeat 'at the Red Barn, at the Red Barn, at the Red Barn.'"

Young Joe not only managed the shows, but produced them as well.

His love of drama attracted him later to the Repertory Theatre and public libraries. With a few pennies he managed to scrape together he would sit up in the gallery and watch plays by Bernard Shaw, Galsworthy and other great dramatists of the time.

As he sat, he paid special attention to the language and articulation. Assimilating this stood him in good stead in years to come, when he became a public orator.

WHEN he wasn't at the theatre he was in the reading-room of the public library. His zest for knowledge had now become a marked feature of his life.

He waded through most of the famous economists and philosophers. He was specially attracted by the works of Adam Smith, Karl Marx, John Stuart Mill and Ruskin.

Meanwhile he had left school and had followed such occupations as a street-cleaner for the Manchester Corporation; book-keeper in Smithfield Market, Manchester, and odd-job man in the singeing shed of the Salford Dyeworks. For a time he was a plate-moulder at the Westinghouse Works; store-keeper at the same works, and then a trolley-boy on the Salford Tramways.

Apart from studying philosophy and economics, young Toole also taught himself shorthand.

Having learned scientifically the reasons for poverty, young Toole decided to become a Socialist.

This decision caused him much hardship, for in those days popular opinion regarded a Socialist to be a traitor, atheist and free-lover.

When the news spread that he had joined the Social Democratic Federation, his old schoolmates used to jibe him with all sorts of unkind phrases.

"Look what wants us all to divide up," some poor boob with one foot in the workhouse would shout at him.

But instead of being angry, young Toole felt sorry for the people who in their ignorance knew no better.

Perhaps the most distressing incident of his early life as a Socialist occurred when his father barred him from the house as the result of joining the Federation. That would not have been so bad had not, on one of his visits to see his mother, his father challenged him to a fight with bare fists. But decent sons never strike their fathers.

Despite much ostracism Joe Toole stuck to his guns.

With his colleagues at the local branch of the S.D.F. he worked optimistically and enthusiastically towards abolishing poverty and its kindred evils.

It was while young Toole was occupied with his Socialistic activities that he fell in love.

Most of his courting was done in Regent Road, Salford, where couples sported their cheap but hard-earned clothing.

Owing to lack of money, the only lover's gift he could afford for his sweetheart was a 3d. bar of chocolate. Meeting his girl friend, he would present her with the bar of chocolate, and then walk in state from one end of Regent Road to the other.

"If anybody asked me the reason why I married," Mr. Toole said, "I couldn't tell them. I was in love, so, without the prospect of a decent living, I took the plunge—due, I suppose, to the innate belief I had that love would find a way.

"The bridal carriage consisted of a broken-down, four-wheeled cab. The wedding breakfast consisted of a tin of salmon, some boiled ham, bread and butter, currant bread and tea."

His only wedding gift was a teapot. And Mr. and Mrs. Joe Toole started their wedded life on 25s. a week.

The next morning they found that they had no breakfast in their house and no tea for the teapot.

ADDING to their distress, a week after they were married the man who owned the furniture sent round to collect the few things because they had not been able to meet the payments due.

As the years passed, young Joe Toole increased his knowledge of life.

At the same time, his hatred of poverty had fashioned him into a reformer.

The slums of Manchester became more and more abhorrent to him.

During this time he could be seen at the County Forum. Probably the most brilliant debates in the country were being heard there at that time.

Just before the war, he tried his hand at journalism, writing for the *Daily Citizen*, of which Robert Dilnot was editor, and for the *Weekly Citizen*, for which he reported the events at the County Forum.

It was during the war, while serving in the R.A.F., that he was sent for to stand for a council. Before he was demobilised he was elected to the Manchester City Council, representing the great industrial district of Openshaw.

Civic work pleased Mr. Toole that at length he had an overwhelming desire to go to Parliament. In 1923 he contested the Everton Division of Liverpool, but his opponent, Sir J. Harmood-Banner, was a famous name in the district, and after a hard fight Joe Toole lost.

But in 1923 he realised his ambition by winning the seat for South Salford.

While riding in one of the luxurious coaches of the L.M.S., Mr. Toole felt happier than at any time in his life, for at last he was going up to London to sit in the House of Commons, and as he rode he reflected upon his early youth when he had run wild in the streets of Salford.

Sometimes he felt that he was only dreaming.

When I saw Alderman Toole the other day, and asked him what Manchester had done for him, he said: "Everything a city could possibly do for a human being."

THE citizens of Manchester also believe that Alderman Toole has done for Manchester everything that a human being possibly could.

To show their appreciation for his great work, the citizens of Manchester bestowed upon him the greatest honour possible, and made him their Lord Mayor.

And the other day, as the Lord Mayor of Manchester was strolling up Deansgate, he heard a newsboy shouting: "Read all about the terrible murder!"

Pausing, he looked at the lad sympathetically, and looking up at the sky Joe Toole smiled, and proceeded on his way.

Now host to premiers—Lord Mayor Joe Toole in conversation with Mr. Stauning, Prime Minister of Denmark, at a public function

"Greatest of These"

"KENNETH, aged eleven," says his ex-Service dad, "is the one bright ray in my life, but, unfortunately, he has to share my hard times. I was crippled by a kick from a horse when on service in 1915, and I have tried repeatedly for a pension, but each time get turned down.

"I had a good business before joining up in 1915, and also after leaving the Service in 1919, but my hip gradually got so bad I had to go into hospital and lost everything.

"All we have to live on now is what my wife can earn selling vegetables. We often have only bread to eat. My wife's age is such that she cannot do as much as she did, and has fainted several times through overwork and worry.

"If only we could get a small business where my wife would not have to go out in all weathers I should be so thankful. It is hard to be in this position through no fault of our own."

Kenneth's mother's earnings average 25s. a week, which is all they have coming in.

As Kenneth's dad needs help badly, we shall be grateful if our readers will send donations earmarked "Kenneth." These, and subscriptions for the General Fund, should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, JOHN BULL War Sufferers' Fund, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Lists of subscriptions are kept at the office, and a copy of the current week's will be sent on application.

NEXT WEEK:

Mr. Smith, of Newcastle

'DON'T HAVE FADED FAIR HAIR'

ADVISES

MARY ROSE of the "Daily Sketch"

Tells How to Restore Glamorous Colour to Darkened, Faded Fair Hair—

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Without injurious bleaching you can now wash darkened hair 2 to 4 shades lighter and not change its natural appearance.

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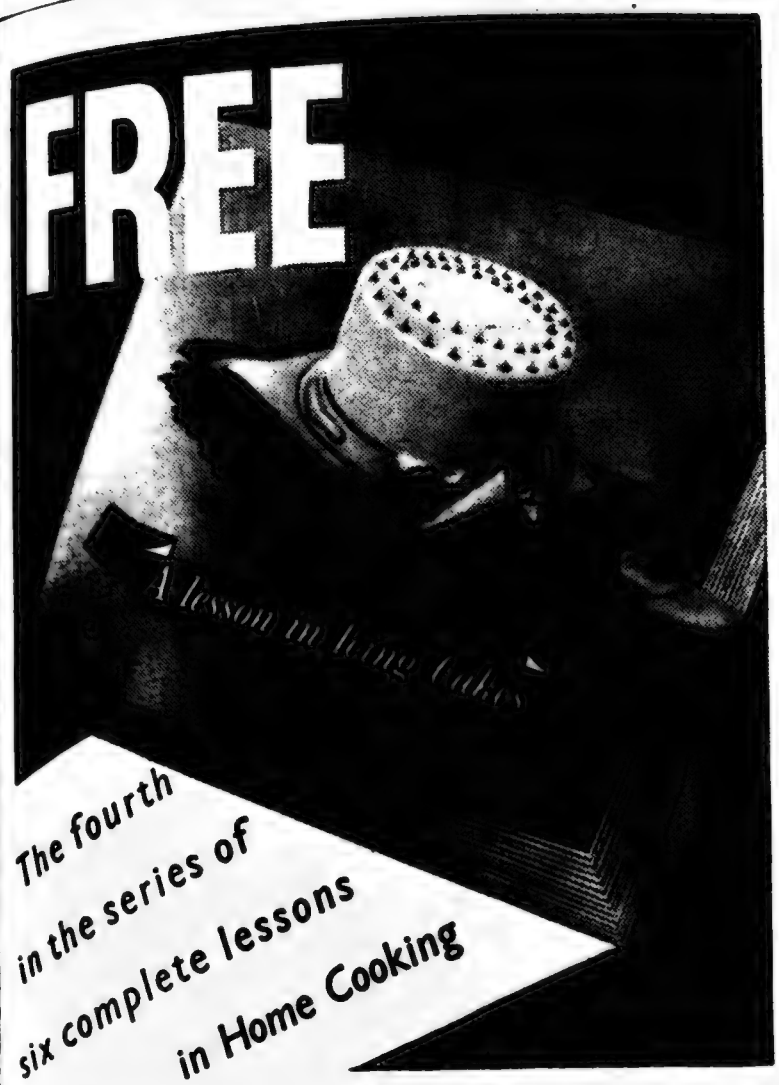
PAN YAN FOR JOLLY GOOD MEALS



Miss Moira Meighn, Cookery Expert of "WOMAN," *says* . . . **"Everyone should profit by studying these helpful books"**

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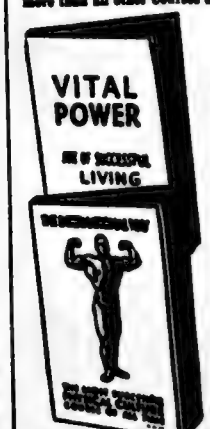

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Mystery of Mary Ann

THERE is increasing anxiety over the disinclination of girls to go to work in other women's kitchens. Even in the distressed areas girls are fighting shy of domestic service, and, so far, no propaganda is succeeding in making them change their minds.

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour, whose department each year is asked to provide at least 24,000 suitable girls, is becoming concerned about the mystery.

He has set up an enquiry in an endeavour to find where the fault lies. He is also making investigations at first hand.

In addition, efforts are being made to organise a servants' trade union, and movements are on foot to introduce a private member's Bill into Parliament which would regulate hours of work, enforce holidays with pay, and specify time for meals.

But when all these things have been done, will the girls who now prefer any hardships in factory or office be more willing to go and live in other women's homes and do their housework for them?

She might well be thinking: "If only they knew I was human!"

In any other occupation when the work is finished the girls can count on complete freedom. No prying into their private affairs. No "good advice" on whether they should spend or save their money; what sort of clothes they should buy; what they should do with their spare time.

Wages are generally good. That is not the grouse. It is the general treatment. The "not being treated like a human being."

Here are a few of the complaints made by girls and women who in 1937 are working as domestic servants. They are not isolated cases. They have been chosen after careful investigation because they are typical of hundreds.

One woman says: "I am a servant of many years' experience, a 'general,' the only maid in a household of two ladies. I am 'on' fifteen hours a day, from a quarter-to-seven in the morning until ten at night.

"I never get a half-day off, as it is often half-past three or four o'clock before I leave the house. As long as I am on the premises I have to answer the door and the telephone every time the bells ring. Sometimes I have no time to wash properly.

"What maids want is two hours off every afternoon and a proper half-day a week. I can never go to a concert or a play as I have to be in by ten o'clock."

Another big grievance is accommodation.

One servant says: "It would do the sanitary inspectors good to come round and see where we have to sit, among sinks and saucepans, brooms and brushes."

In many small houses a room cannot be spared for a maid's sitting-room. This would not matter if her bedroom were furnished as a bed-sitting-room and made comfortable and attractive. And she should be made to feel that she can invite friends there any time she is free.

There are, of course, wise women who know how to look after their servants.

Their reward is that they have no servant problem.

Many girls also dislike sharing a room—their only refuge after work—with a complete stranger foisted upon them willy-nilly.

One girl says, "In two places I have had to share the room with a girl who was consumptive, and our beds almost touched. One of the girls has since died."

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Another cause of friction is the use of the bathroom. Some women allow a servant to have a bath only at a specified time—and that not always every day.

Imagine getting yourself dirty doing some job, and just because it isn't Tuesday or Friday, having to ask permission to clean yourself up!

But here are a few revolutionary "hints" from housewives with progressive ideas of how maids should be treated.

"I always have 'help' in from one o'clock on the day when ... maid goes out, and ... free after that hour. If ... husbands tried to run ... businesses as some of ... friends run their houses ... would be a strike in a ... there would be no one ... strike."

"My husband always ... home an evening paper ... maid. A small gesture, ... which is very much ... ciated."

How many mistresses ... that the maid gets far ... tired than they do, and ... fore *must* have a real ... the afternoon? Yet, as ... employer, it is in the ... of the mistress to assure ... service by seeing that ... laxation is provided.

Or, how many mistr... ever dream of saying: ... cook, you give the staff ... same food as we have. Le... know if they like any... different. It probably cos... same, and we all have our ... particular tastes in food.

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Before the domestic p... can be solved there will ... to be a minor revolution ... attitude towards "servants"

If Mr. Ernest Brown ... to do something really ... instead of starting an enq... which will only tell us what ... already know—that the sh... age is due more than anyt... else to long hours and ... siderate treatment—he ... try to improve the status ... servants.

Under existing condit... the most intelligent and ... workers cannot be expected ... enter it except in very ... numbers.

Legislation to secure shor... hours would help. The ... step would be to provide fa... ties for proper training with ... certificate of efficiency at the end of ...

At present there are numerous org... isations all over the country trying ... do something along these lines. The... are one or two which give free tra... ing, but most of the courses are ... expensive.

Domestic service needs, in fact, ... rationalised.

A short training of, say, six mont... to cover simple housework, cooking, ... the elementary care of children, wou... give a girl some standing.

Such training could be provided ... local authorities, and would be a val... able contribution to the health ... happiness of the nation.

One sound suggestion is that train... girls should be registered and known ... "Chartered Domestic Workers." If ... distinctive uniform went with it, the... would have something of the status ... trained nurses.

A course for housewives on "How ... Manage Servants" would not be a bad ... idea, either!

Race with "Silver Ring"

Nursery Hints

THE request for two or three horses to follow during the nursery season has reached me quite frequently of late.

I suggest half a dozen two-year-olds to follow. They should be given three chances, increasing a point after a failure.

My suggestions are: Bombay Duck, Dundee II, Parol, Pactolus, Vesture and Roodhu.

Palette and Old Folk may be the best bets at Alexandra Park this week-end.

"SILVER RING'S" CODE

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, September 9, to Wednesday, September 15.

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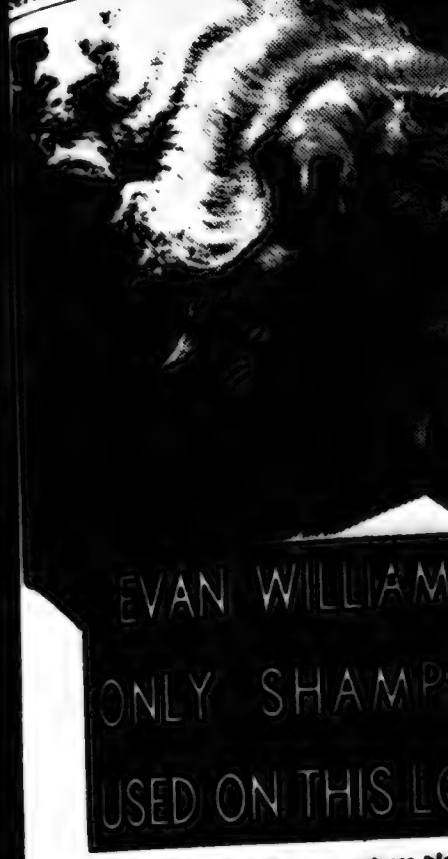

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Two other men had fallen asleep. Olson's face was pale and clammy

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Shanghaied!

IT began in a "speak-easy" situated at the end of a dimly-lit street near the water-front.

A man named Parker, with whom I had travelled to Baltimore from Atlantic City, and a Swede named Olson, and myself, reached the "speak-easy" about ten o'clock at night. We had met Olson in a dosshouse a few hours earlier.

He had just been paid off an American tanker and was contemplating travelling up to New York by road. He was a tall, broad-shouldered, blond man, with squint eyes and a podgy blue nose.

He gave us no explanation why he stayed in the dosshouse, but we gathered that he preferred rough places in which to sleep when he was ashore.

At this time a seamen's strike was at its height. For some weeks ships in the harbour had been tied up, and on several occasions there had been ugly clashes between the police and strikers. It was as a result of discussing this strike that we became acquainted with Olson.

On the outside, the "speak-easy" looked like an unoccupied house. No lights were visible from the road, and even in the dark you could see that the front part was overrun with weeds and long grass.

We were greeted at the top of some wooden steps that led to the front door by a tall, obese negress, who seemed to know Olson well. Behind her stood two short, dark, gangster-looking men.

As we came in, I noticed one of them wink at Olson and then look away. The negress apparently ran the place.

"Well, Mistah Olson," she said enthusiastically, "we sho' celebrate your re'turn." Then, turning to us, she added, "Come this way, boys."

We sat at a table at the back of the piano—the only one vacant. Olson ordered a bottle of bootleg whisky and some soda-water. Then he got up and disappeared behind a door that apparently led to the back of the house.

When he was gone, my friend Parker, who, incidentally, was a short, frail chap, turned to me and said: "I say, Barry, I don't like this place."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Doesn't it seem odd that this man Olson should ask you and me, complete strangers to him, to a place like this?"

"If we had a bank-roll," I said, "I might be suspicious, but he knows we have very little money—no," I broke off, "he's just a sailor who likes company."

At this juncture an insolent-looking negro appeared and banged the bottle of whisky on the table.

I noticed as he did so that he looked across at the two men whom we had seen in the hall as we came in. Across the room near the window two other men had fallen asleep over the table; they looked to me to be seamen.

The two gangster-looking men went over to them and with little difficulty dragged them through the room to the door where Olson had disappeared. A minute later they were back in the room grinning like Cheshire cats.

It must have been a quarter of an hour before we saw Olson again. As he joined us, I noticed that his face was pale and clammy, as if he had been engaged in some strenuous work.

We had not helped ourselves to a drink at this time, and, seeing our empty glasses, Olson appeared surprised.

"Come on, you mugs," he said good-naturedly, "drink up."

We did that for about half an hour. I remember having four shots of whisky altogether. It was pretty powerful stuff.

At the end of half an hour I was overcome with a great desire to sleep. For some reason I fought against it. I recall forcing myself to sit up, but as I did so I found that my neck was too weak to hold my heavy head, that my vision was blurred, and that I had lost the use of my limbs. What happened after that I don't remember.

When I returned to consciousness I was alarmed to find myself lying in the bunk of a ship's fo'c'sle, with all the symptoms of a heavy hangover. When I became properly awake I noticed that Parker was lying in a similar position in a bunk opposite me. His face had all the traces of a hangover, too.

The first thing I did was to look out of the porthole, and to my surprise I found that we were lying in the bay away from the dock. Before I had a chance to speak with Parker, I was told by a tall, red-headed man that I was wanted upon deck.

"Bring your pal up, too," he said in a gruff voice. I asked for an explanation of how I got there. He laughed. "So you don't remember signing-on this ship last night, then?"

In my befuddled way, I tried to recall the events of the night be
and the only thing I cou
member was drinking to
whisky in the "speak-easy
a flash I realised what
happened We had
shanghaied Before I
protest the man had
appeared.

A hurried consultation
Parker followed. We
pared notes. He, like I, re
bered nothing of signing-
ship. Since neither of us
worked in ships before, we
rather dumbfounded to
ourselves in such a pre
ment.

Since we were out in the
there was no means by w
we could escape, and the
thing we could do was to
the situation calmly.

Up on deck we met a m
sailors who represented
nationalities. There w
Chinese, negroes, Swedes,
slans and Greeks.

They, like
selves, remem
nothing as to
they came to be aboard
of them were in an ugly
What seemed to worry
more than anything else
the fact that the ship w
was a tramp steamer,
loaded so that the Plim
mark on the side was
visible.

Some time later the cap
a tall, leather-faced Sca
navian, came down from
bridge with the mates. He
us briefly that we were s
for Copenhagen.

He had such a commanding way
him that none of us had the courag
protest when he told us to get to w

At the first opportunity I got in to
with Parker and, much to my re
learned from him that the ship
docking at Newport News, Virginia,
coal.

"That's fine," I said; "when we
there we will make good our escape

But it wasn't as easy as that.
gangway, we found, was guarded by
villainous-looking Greeks, and when
attempted to leave we found that
were prepared to hit us over the h
with murderous lumps of iron. But
were not to be outdone.

At midnight, when the ship was q
we slipped out on deck and
clothed, plunged into the water
swim to shore was the most terrify
experience I have ever had.

On more than one occasion I felt
equal to the task and was prepa
almost to give up. But I swam on
finally, in a state of exhaustion, reac
the shore, with Parker close behind

Fearing that we might be arre
and taken back to the ship as deserte
we said nothing to the police. In f
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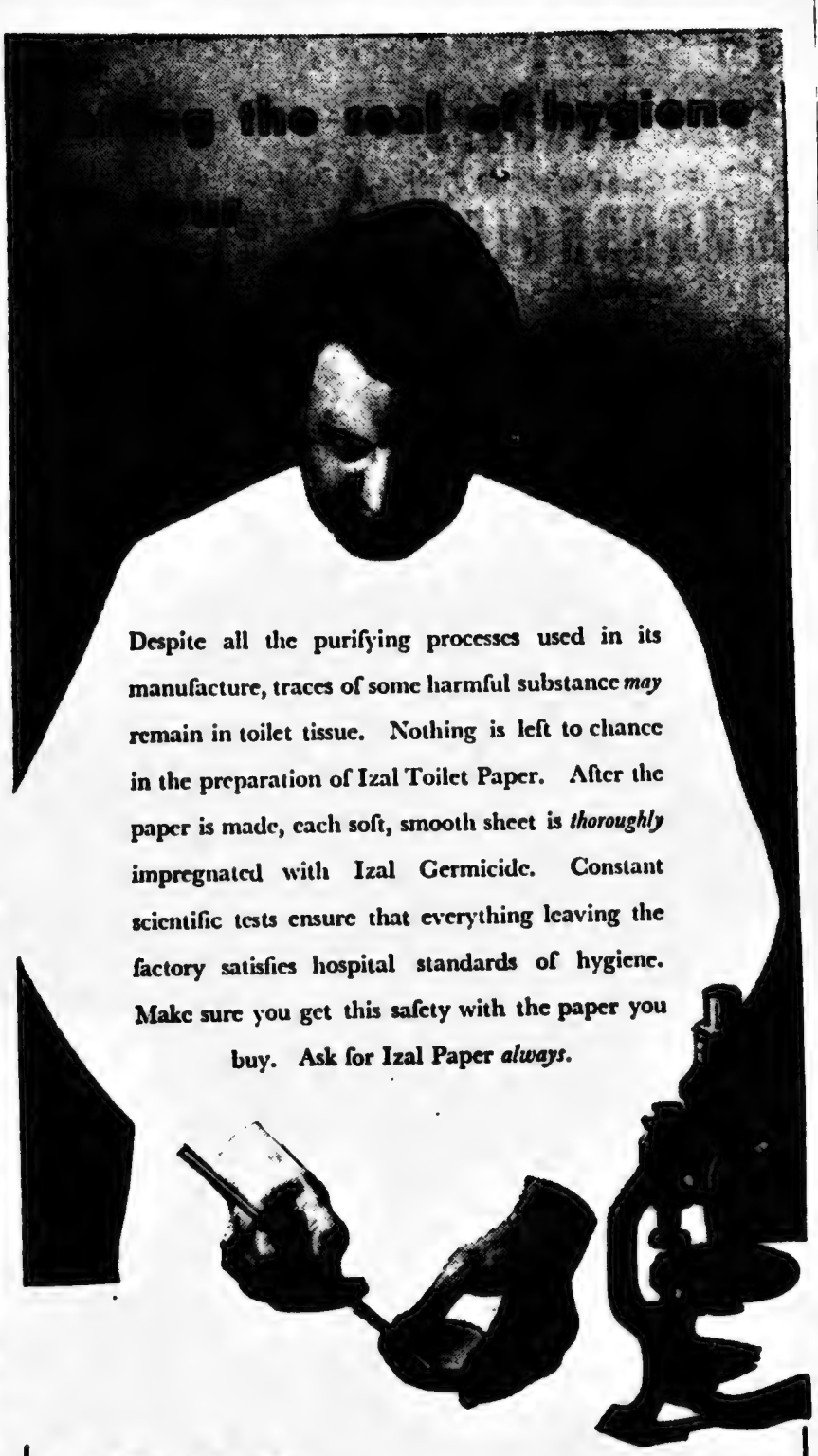

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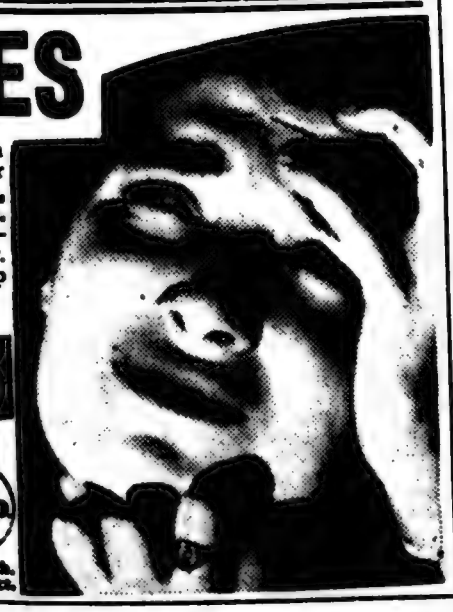

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Disappointed WIVES

By PHIL INMAN

A WOMAN called to see me one day. She had a catalogue of complaints to make against her husband. After listening to her I wondered how she could possibly tolerate such a man. There were no children and she had money of her own.

"Why don't you leave him?" I asked.

She looked at me in a puzzled kind of way and then said, "Leave him—oh! he's not so bad as all that."

There are a lot of women like that. They find fault with their husbands but they will put up with insults, neglect, almost anything rather than break up their home life.

Consider some of the cases submitted to me. One woman writes:—

We have been married twenty-five years and have a daughter of twenty-two and a son of nineteen. We have a good income and a comfortable home, and as a family we have always been happy in taking our pleasures together.

Unfortunately, my husband has changed since he bought a car some months ago. This has led to unpleasantness, as he seems to prefer to take strangers out to ourselves. Only last week-end we suggested going for a drive in the country, but he said he was too tired, and yet when some friends came along he asked them to go for a run with him.

Sometimes I have asked him to let our son take us out as he is a far better driver than his father, but he won't allow him to do so.

I still love my husband, but I hate to see him putting us aside for other people, and I feel that this kind of treatment is bound to lead to trouble in the home.

"Not in what we possess," says John Cowper Powys, "is the secret of happiness to be found." How many people have discovered that to be true. My correspondent is one of them. They were a happy and united family until that car was purchased.

It seems such a pity, for it might have added to the pleasures they enjoyed. There must be some reason to account for the change in that husband's attitude. It may be, of course, all on his side. His new possession—like wine—may have gone to his head. Under its influence he wants to "show off."

And so he offers to take strangers about with him. Or it may be that my correspondent and her family have contributed to his present conduct. Does he feel that he is not sufficiently appreciated by them and therefore looks to others for a little gratitude? Have they been inclined to take everything "too much for granted"?

Again, there may be an element of jealousy in it all. Has he been told that his son is a better driver than he is? Such a suggestion may be hurtful to his feelings, and out of pique he has sought some means of retaliation. I advise my correspondent to adopt the old Latin proverb: "What you cannot achieve by other means you may obtain by flattery."

Let her husband be made to feel that he still comes first in her life. After all, she has held his affection for twenty-five years. It should not be difficult to win him back to the old happy conditions.

CROSS CHECKS

Fate has indeed dealt some hard blows to my next correspondent. Here is her letter:—

When I was seventeen years old I discovered, on the eve of my marriage to him, that my lover was already a married man. I left the district to give birth to my baby son and then my mother took him and brought him up for me.

Some time afterwards I met my present husband and made a clean breast to him of what had happened in the past. We got on very well together until my mother died and then my son came to live with us.

From that time my husband has been terribly cruel to him. The other day he told him that he was in his house out of charity, and naturally the boy, who is now seventeen years old, wants to know what he means.

I would tell him the truth but I am afraid it would hurt him badly and it may lower his respect for me.

My own people are very fond of the lad and everybody round here thinks very highly of him. That makes my husband's conduct all the harder to understand.

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I don't find it difficult to diagnose this case. That husband is jealous of the lad. He resents any kindness his mother shows him. It is all so unfair. He should remember two things: His wife was very young when she was cruelly betrayed. And the boy himself is not responsible for his birth. But then jealousy is always unfair.

The immediate problem is what to do about it. Things cannot be allowed to go on as they are. I say that in the boy's own interests. He is not having a fair deal. His disposition may become soured by so much fault-finding.

"Should I tell him the truth?" asks this woman.

Frankly, I think she should do so. After those hints by his stepfather, an explanation cannot be avoided. She can do so in a kindly and tactful way. She can explain the pitfalls that beset even young people. She can point out how she herself has suffered and then gradually she can recount her experience which led to his birth. Then together they can discuss the best course to take for his future.

It may be that her "own people," who are "very fond of the lad," would consent to look after him for a time. Or it may be that her husband will relent when he sees that she is willing to make this sacrifice and allow the boy to go away from her.

What a tragedy it is when children, instead of binding husband and wife more closely together, cause a rift in the family life. That happens in far too many cases. Here is one of them.

Our son, aged fifteen, says this woman, is still at school, and he has always been a good boy, straightforward, industrious at his lessons and thoughtful and helpful at home. He has lately taken to going out in the evening and staying out, on occasions, until 10 p.m.

He assured his father that he went out with a boy friend and that they didn't leave the time. This excuse was accepted at first, but when he continued to be late my husband lost his temper and thrashed the boy thoroughly.

This has happened several times, the lad taking his punishment without a murmur and a half-pitying smile on his face which only exasperates his father more.

One night his father saw him with another schoolboy talking to two girls and he's quite made up his mind that he is going to the bad. He has now forbidden him to leave the house at all. I feel that this harsh treatment will do more harm than good. I have talked to the boy, encouraged his friends to come home and pointed out the dangers that come to young folk.

He assures me that he will never let me down, and I believe him, for he is as good as gold.

Ought I to hand the boy over entirely to his dad now that he has reached the dangerous age of adolescence, or do you think a mother's love and encouragement sufficient to help him through these trying years? I will be guided by your decision, which I know I can rely upon.

CROSS CHECKS

It would be easy for me to take sides. But that may solve one problem and create another. I will not say anything, therefore, that will widen the breach between the husband and wife.

I am sure that they both want him to grow up into a decent and honourable man. They share a common ideal; they differ as to how it is to be attained. The father thinks that corporal punishment is the corrective, and the mother that love and gentleness will keep him straight.

The best policy is half-way between those two extremes. A schoolboy should be allowed to roam about until ten at night. But neither should he be "forbidden to leave the house at all."

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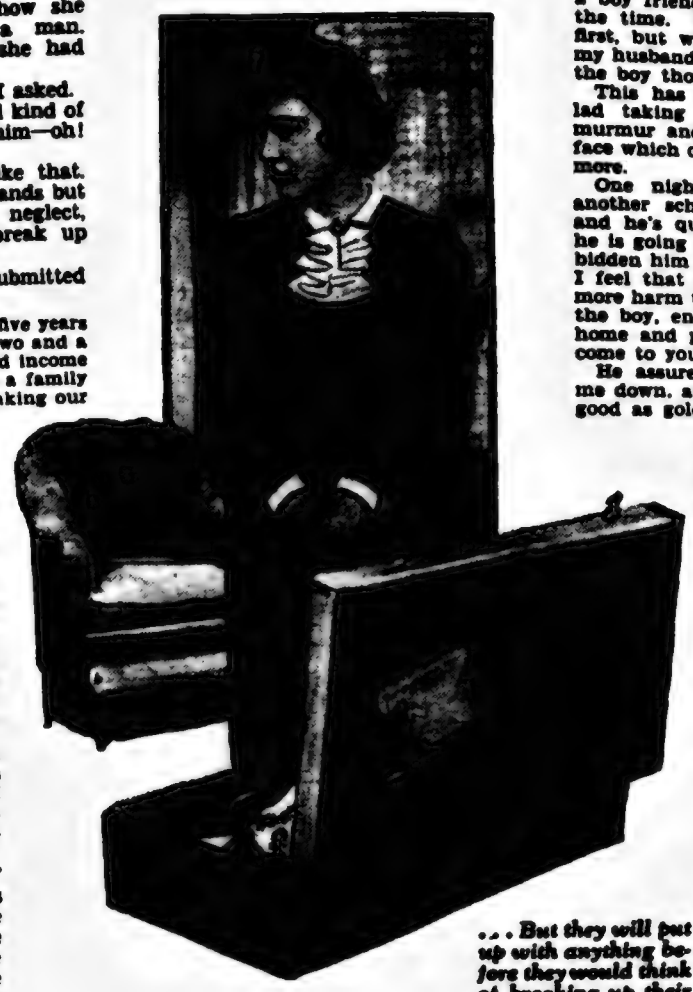

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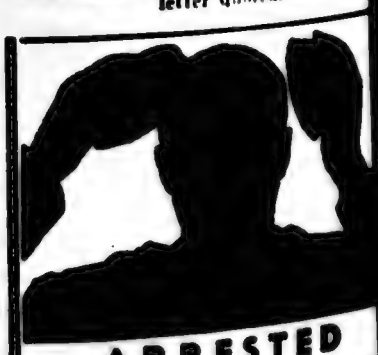

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CANES & CABBAGES

MADAME X

I AM a St. John ambulance man. I have spent pounds of my money in bandages and so on for other people's use.

The other day I came across a very bad road accident and stopped a motor-bus, knowing that it would carry tourniquets and bandages.

It did, but I was refused them. The conductor said he daren't break the seal unless the accident concerned his own vehicle.—ARTHUR CLIFTON, Lowe's Row, Stanley Common, near Derby.

Sorry, but we feel incapable of a polite comment.

Pickled History

I am often asked to show tourists over the premises in Park Lane which bear the plate "Here lived Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, 1839-1873."

Three weeks ago I took two Americans over. Their interest in every nook and corner astounded me.

But my surprise came when, after I had told all I knew, one of them turned to another and said: "This Disraeli guy was like Hitler, you know. Hated the sight of Jews."—The Resident Porter, A. E. COATES, 93, Park Lane, Mayfair, W.1.

One day, perhaps, visiting Hitler's mountain retreat in Bavarian Alps, some tourist will say: "This hobo gave the Jews back their national home."

Destiny

My wife and I having been married thirty-six years, Mr. Richard Jones, the kindly head clerk of the Holywell Rural Council, showed us over his various departments.

Asking me my age, he turned up my birth certificate.

Next to it for a whole lifetime had stood my wife's, born two days before me in a village two miles away.—THOMAS E. JONES, The Bungalow, Main Road, New Brighton, near Mold.

You two can truly say that nobody ever came between you.

Safety First?

My daughter, aged eight, attends a local school situated so perilously as regards traffic that a policeman stands outside from noon to 12.15 p.m. to see the mites safely across the road.

The teachers sometimes exercise their undoubted right to keep the children until 12.30 for naughtiness.

It is pathetic to see these children crying at the kerb for their absent protector, afraid to cross yet hungry for their dinners.—G. KENYON, 25, Frederick Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

"Divided responsibility" causes a lot of trouble. Tell the headmaster. He'll soon rectify matters.

Where's that Mirror?

I have been led to believe by a so-called authority that most murderers have asymmetrical faces.

As I have just that kind of face, I am wondering.—MISS ELIZABETH R. CHANDLER, Pitfield, Meopham, Kent.

Stanley Bishop, our crime expert, who has seen 50 murderers in the dock, says he has looked in vain for "murderer type." Has noticed, however, that preponderance of murderers have small lobe to ears, or none at all.

That X

My nephew has just taken his wife to register her first vote.

She came out with her voting paper in her hand. She had put her X in front of her on the wall of the voting cabinet.—JOHN SELLEN, 39, Beech Grove, Sale.

Worst electoral offenders are those who put X next to a man's name to show they disapprove of him.

Front-line Leslie

What audacity! I have just heard Hore-Belisha doing his land-fit-for-heroes stuff from the cinema screen. Part of his recruiting propaganda, of course.

There were many ex-Service men among his 500 listeners in that theatre. How they must have laughed at the promises of a politician. — ALBERT WILLETT, 3, The Avenue, Royston, Barnsley.

Our Leslie was soldier, not politician, throughout Great War. Saw real fighting. Was mentioned in despatches. Early, yet, to judge whether he's forgotten all that.

Tricked Slugs

After the slugs in our garden had gobbled all the hearts out of daddy's cabbages, they found the coloured packet in which he had bought the seed and ate the middle out of the coloured cabbage printed in the middle of enclose packet for you to see for self.—Miss BETTY STRETTON, Lane, Noman's Heath, Tamworth.

What a tribute to the artist, Be

"Handers"

I think the canes used for punis in our schools should be standard they are to be used at all.

Imagine a man of sadistic te ment able to use what instrume torture he likes!—EDWIN E. N 36, Henry Street, Hendon, Sunder

Many educational authorities issue canes stipulate no o hers sho used. Unfortunately, one standardise muscles.

Civic Pride

Population 20,000, and—

No fire brigade, no ambulanc swimming bath, no market.

This is Dukinfield.—ROLAND CH 76A, Astley Street, Dukinfield, Ch

Any challengers?

Free Admission

How short-sighted are our le football clubs, who must look to for their future supporters.

"Children Half-price" is the tion rather than the rule.—S. D 16, Green Lanes, Newington Gre

Many London lads welcome half-price" rule. It means they for nothing. They present ha admission money, obviously c through turnstile and, owing to can't go back. "Lift 'em over" irate people in queue, suiting act word.

The Experimenter

What's all this nonsense smokers causing fires by throwing cigarettes down carelessly?

I found it to be a lot of bunk. I have tried it many times myself the cigarette just smoulders and does no damage whatever.—S. HOWLETT, Maybourne, Holtspur, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Home Office official says: "O lessly discarded cigarette ends taken appalling toll of life and perty."

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FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

By Our Expert. *Matches Played September 11.*

FIRST DIVISION

(1) Preston v. Liverpool.
(2) Stoke v. Derby.
(3) Sunderland v. Man. C.
**(4) Wolves v. Blackpool.
(5) Charlton v. W.B. Albion.
(6) Chelsea v. Birmingham.
(7) Everton v. Brentford.
**(8) Grimsby v. Leeds.
(9) Huddersfield v. Bolton.
(10) Leicester v. Arsenal.
(11) Portsmouth v. M'diesbro.

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) Norwich v. Sheff. W.
(2) Sheff. U. v. Luton.
(3) Stockport v. West Ham.
(4) Swansea v. Fulham.
(5) Spurs v. Newcastle.
*(6) Villa v. Blackburn.
(7) Bradford v. Soton.
(8) Burnley v. Forest.
(9) Bury v. Coventry.
(10) Chesterfield v. Plymouth.
*(11) Man. U. v. Barnsley.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

(1) Newport v. Aldershot.
(2) Notts v. Millwall.
**(3) Q.P. Rangers v. Cardiff.
(4) Southend v. Walsall.
(5) Torquay v. Bristol R.
*(6) Watford v. Exeter.
**(7) Brighton v. Boscombe.
(8) Bristol C. v. Swindon.
(9) Orient v. Northampton.
(10) Palace v. Reading.
(11) Mansfield v. Gillingham.

NORTHERN SECTION.

(1) N. Brighton v. Hartlep'ls.
(2) Oldham v. Barrow.
(3) Rochdale v. Southport.
(4) Rotherham v. Bradford C.
(5) Accrington v. Tranmere.
**(6) Carlisle v. Halifax.
(7) Chester v. York.
(8) Darlington v. Crewe.
**(9) Doncaster v. Port Vale.
(10) Gateshead v. Wrexham.
(11) Hull v. Lincoln.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Div. I.

*(1) Hearts v. Hibernians.
*(2) Kilmarnock v. St. Mirren.
(3) Morton v. Falkirk.
(4) Queen of South v. Ayr.
(5) Rangers v. Celtic.
*(6) Aberdeen v. Dundee.
(7) Arbroath v. St. J'hst'n.
(8) Clyde v. Partick.
(9) Hamilton v. Motherwell.
(10) Queen's Pk v. 3rd L'nark.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Div. II.

(1) E. Stirling v. King's Park.
(2) Forfar v. Dumbarton.
(3) Leith v. Alloa.
(4) St'nh'sm'r v. St. B'rw'rds.
(5) Airdrie v. Albion.
(6) Brechin v. Montrose.
(7) C'd'ab'th v. D'nf'rmline.
**(8) Dundee U. v. Edinburgh.
(9) E. Fife v. Raith.

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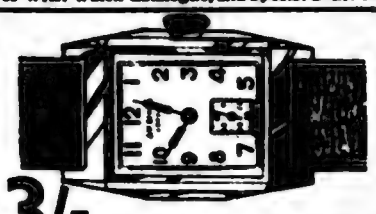

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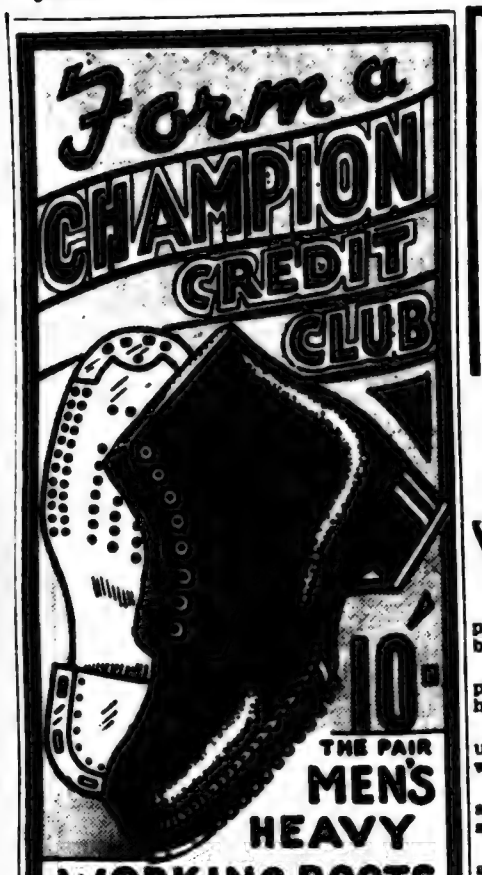

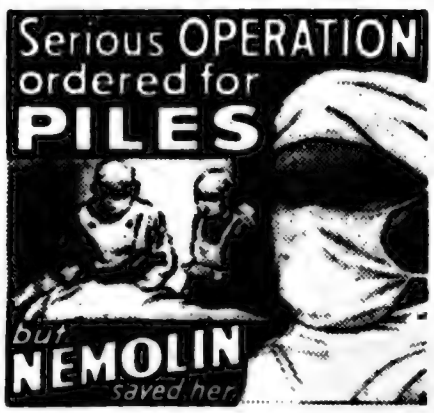

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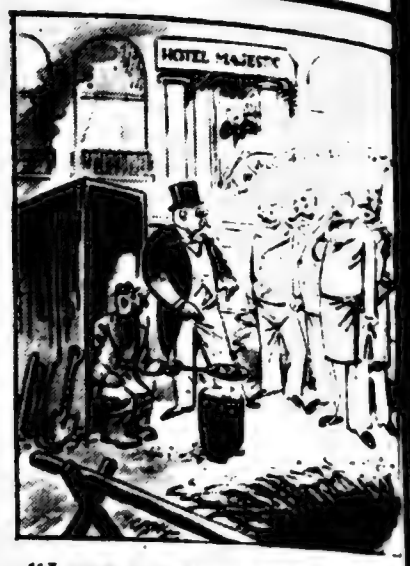
The Editor Laughs Last



"I want my sausages cooked like dat."
—From "The Passing Show"

WRITER (Dawlish).—"I am busy on two books and can rarely find the time to go out." Then you are penned in!

A. B. (Dorking).—"The half-wit had a passion for collecting bolts." Nuts on bolts.

DRUMMER (Worcester Park).—"After playing for six hours non-stop I was exhausted." Dead beat?

R. W. M. (Aberdeen).—"This letter is unbiased, unselfish and unaffected." It was also undated and unstamped.

QUERY (Wandsworth).—"What kind of an education is necessary to become a showman?" A fair one.

F. D. (Rochester).—"I was only doing about thirty miles an hour when my car turned turtle." And you found yourself in the soup.

S. M. (Glasgow).—"When my little boy swallowed my pencil, do you know what I did while waiting on the doctor?" Used your fountain pen.

GEORGE (Sunningdale).—"I proposed and was accepted on the very spot where William I landed." Another conquest then.

NOVICE (Bridgwater).—"I admit I had a shock when my riding-master told me he was going to try me over the hurdles." He made you jump.

SCRUM (Bromley).—"I'm sure if I approach him the right way my son will play rugby next season." You'll have to tackle him properly.

C. B. S. (Birmingham).—"One of these days we shall see a firework display in the form of a game of tennis." A set piece, of course.

GLADYS (Reading).—"As he preferred to go fishing rather than take me out in the car, I told him not to call for me again." In other words, to sling his hook.

N. S. (Huddersfield).—"I always carry a few well-chosen books in my rucksack when I'm on a hike." Taking care, of course, that they are light literature.

TRAPPER (Padstow).—"As I walked towards the tennis courts with a loaded gun on my shoulder, the players ran for their lives." They went off first.

S. B. M. (Manchester).—"There would be compensations even if meat were to vanish from the civilised world." We shouldn't have to listen to the fat stock prices, for instance.

OUTFITTER (Glasgow).—"I showed the customer every possible type of felt hat and then lost my temper when he chose the only boater in the shop." It was the last straw.

SIDE-SLIPS

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelope "Side-Slips." When the same "slip" is submitted by more than one person, that which arrived with the earliest postmark receives the prize.

THE EVENING GAZETTE: "Northants v. Notts.—Total (for no CRICKET) 116."

PORTSMOUTH EVENING NEWS: "She was stated to have been injured when her CAN ran into a heap of tarred flints. . . ."

DAILY EXPRESS:—". . . he suggested that they should send an urgent FLEA for peace."

ISLE OF MAN EXAMINER:—". . . the first of the Sunday picnics there will take place on TUESDAY next."

FAMILY STAR:—"Mabel's EYES tightened round the slender shoulders . . ."

WEEKLY IRISH TIMES:—"A raid by Civic Guards resulted in the finding of a quantity of illicit spirit in a GARGLE."

THE REPORTER, DEWSBURY:—"Every decent person must of course hope that the arms we are using WILL NEVER BE USED."

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D. L. (Knightsbridge).—"Women like brass bands." But not as wedding rings.

D. N. (Rye).—"She created a sensation by wearing shorts on the golf course." She was going round in less.

W. R. (Lincoln). —"I found the examination in seamanship very, very easy." So you sailed through it, eh?

B. R. (Fulham).—"Our game of chess was interrupted by a call to come to supper." So you both moved then.

G. W. (Chelsea).—"Houses should be portable." You think that an Englishman's home should be his parcel.

D. L. (Norwich).—"Tradesmen like to see young couples settling down in their neighbourhood." And settling up.

C. B. (Burnley).—"He said that every child should have measles for its own good." That was a rash statement.

H. P. (Edgware).—"The modern girl massages her face with ice." Hence her cool cheek.

M. K. (Highgate).—"I suggest a statue should be erected to the man who invented rubber tyres." Wouldn't a bust be more suitable?

ALICE B. (Tewkesbury).—"There was certainly something ghost-like about the woods in which we camped for a fortnight." A holiday haunt?

MR. P. (Maidstone).—"What would you think of a man who brought a girl home at six in the morning?" That he has to be at work at seven.

P. D. (Dartford).—"I doubt very much whether the timber merchant can deliver an eighty-foot wireless pole." It certainly is a tall order.

DARING (Manchester).—"I must admit I was nearly panic-stricken when I put my head in the lion's mouth." Just when you wanted to keep your head, eh?

ALGY (Littlehampton).—"There is no end to the letters people write on the sands." Oh yes there is. The tide wipes them out.

Miss B. (Walton).—"When I get out of a really hot bath I always slip on a woolly bath robe immediately." Better than slipping on the soap, eh?

D. L. (Dulwich).—"When a man says he is working at night, how can a wife be sure that he is telling the truth?" Easily, if he happens to be a wireless announcer.

ENGINE-FIREMAN (Swindon).—"I shall shortly be retiring after spending forty years on the footplate." You will carry many tender memories.

B. H. (Kilburn).—"My love affair started through motoring in the country. I knocked a very pretty girl down—you can guess the rest." Naturally, you picked her up.

J. B. M. (Edinburgh).—"This summer I have seen many London visitors regarding the Palace of Holyroodhouse." We quite fail to see what they can do about it.

THATCHER (Sussex).—"My wife lectured me the other day very angrily because I don't employ modern roof-making methods." She gave you a good slating, eh?

B. M. (Margate).—"My landlady . . . such utter drivel all day long that . . . on my nerves." Bored and lodging?

C. H. (Newmarket).—"In the old . . . it was quite common for trainers to . . . their horses." In fast colours?

KEEPER (Machynlleth).—"I caught . . . poachers using night lights." The . . . wasn't worth the candle.

G. T. S. (Truro).—"When it comes . . . spending money, you will admit that . . . must hand it to the Government" . . . fortunately.

HUBBY (Romford).—"I must say . . . enjoy the smokes I have in the . . . room." Just the place for a pipe . . . two.

FRED (Bury).—"If a man walks . . . flinchingly into a dentist's surgery . . . means that he is a man without nerve . . . Or without teeth.

R. P. (Bletchley).—"I recognised . . . man on the other side of the road as . . . who had owed me £6 for three years . . . I called to him." Did he come across?

S. G. (Elstree).—"He promised to . . . me a reply about investing the money . . . kept under his bed the following day . . . He was going to sleep on it first.

BOATMAN (Brixham).—"Porpoises . . . far more intelligent than people think . . . them." The result of being in sight . . . so often, eh?

F. L. (Paddington).—"He has made . . . big fortune out of his deals in . . . and lives like a lord." On the fat . . . the land, you mean.

Miss P. C. (Hove).—"My doctor told . . . he could not cure my worrying." But . . . call in Doctor *Bullets* and win that . . . and 28-Guinea Radiogram offered . . . page 39.

F. B. (Crewe).—"He argued in a fatuous . . . manner on the advantages of going bare-headed in all weathers." But you could . . . not accuse him of talking through his . . . hat.

A. W. K. (Gainsborough).—"I must say . . . that sweetly perfumed flowers are coming on me." We should have thought a . . . nice sunny border a far more suitable . . . place.

(Many replies unavoidably held over.)

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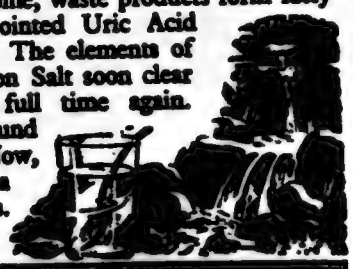

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ODHAMS PRESS LIMITED, Proprietors of "John Bull."

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Win £2 WEEKLY FOR LIFE OR £750 Cash

£150 BIG CASH PRIZE BETWEEN RUNNERS-UP — THIS WEEK ONLY

UNLIMITED SURPRISE AWARDS
To each sender of entry containing only one less meritorious Answer than Runners-up we shall forward a Special Surprise Award to be posted simultaneously with the publication of winning Square in "John Bull"

STUDY THESE CLUES

ACROSS

1. Big one may cost seaside town a lot of money
4. Rough ones must be expected now and then
8. Exclamation of pleasure
9. One hears with these
11. Those who descend to this for a living seldom make much money
12. Repetition of sound
15. Constant rough usage may wear one out
18. Machine may be put out of action by
20. Amorous glance
22. In centre of bean
24. Tag or flap
26. Grow old
28. Loneliness is this to some few people
30. Cease
33. Popular name for umbrella
34. What rabbit sometimes provides
35. One housewife uses in kitchen is usually of a plain pattern
36. Gossips do so sometimes, hoping to get information

DOWN

1. Is sometimes a nuisance to film-star
2. Toast with one end cut off
3. One plays against another in football
5. At end of cruise
6. Bit of ethics in method
7. You usually see some fine blooms in a flower one
10. Overwhelm with wonder
13. This is usually rather light
14. Domestic animal
16. Dresses in this are kept by most drapers
17. Standing on one for a long time may be difficult
19. Found in atlas
21. Average traveller in foreign one visits many different towns
23. Star airman
25. Dealer at an auction is there to make this
27. Losing this is sometimes a costly business
29. Male sheep
31. It may be unwise to have one just before going to bed
32. Flowers seen in florist's window are usually this
34. Beginning and end of fun

ADDRESS ENTRY: CROSSWORD No. 78, "JOHN BULL," 57, LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2. (Comp.)

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY

1.—Complete puzzle in ordinary ink, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole Entry Form whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry-fee for one coupon (two squares) is SIXPENCE. For two coupons (four squares) send ONE SHILLING. For three coupons (six squares) send ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE. For four coupons (eight squares) send TWO SHILLINGS. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it /& Co./; write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O., and fill in the number upon Entry Form; Entry Form to be posted as directed (not delivered by hand), to reach us not later than Saturday, September 18.

2.—In addition to four sixpenny Entry Forms from "John Bull" each entrant may submit FOUR EXTRA SIXPENNY ENTRY FORMS, provided these are taken from "John Bull's" free weekly "Crossword Gazette," obtainable as instructed on page 39 or any other announcement of this Competition. Thus each entrant is limited to 8 Entry Forms (16 squares in all) and Entry-fee of 4s.

Should any single letter square be left blank, contain a letter which is not clear, or altered, or not given in ink, the corresponding property indicated letter on adjoining Entry-square will be regarded as Entrant's intended letter for both Entry-squares. If entrant's answer cannot be so decided or such flaws occur in more than one letter square, entry-square concerned will be disqualified, as will any mutilated coupon.

No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered, or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winner and winning Puzzle Square will appear in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, September 30. Should any competitor not announced as a winner believe that he entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize he must demand a scrutiny by first post, Tuesday, October 5, in accordance with the directions given with result and enclosing £1 Scrutiny Fee. Any such scrutiny which may amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the Runners-up Prize or Surprise Awards. Accordingly, entries are accepted only on condition that the result of our double adjudication establishing these winners is regarded as final. Merit is established according to the total number of Answers to Clues, both Across and Down, which agree with the winning Puzzle Square.

4.—Should the First Prize be shared, £750 Cash will be paid instead of the Pension Award.

5.—Failure to comply with any of the Rules and Conditions involves disqualification.

6.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not eligible to compete.

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X-WORD No. 7

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Winners on page

The Adjudication Committee decided that most apt and Answers used by competitors were those in the Square above.

Two blank squares indicate that at those BAYS or BOYS and PAY PAY were regarded as Answers of equal merit.

Reasons for Committee's findings appear in next week's "Crossword Gazette." Secure your free copy by using reserve coupon on page 39

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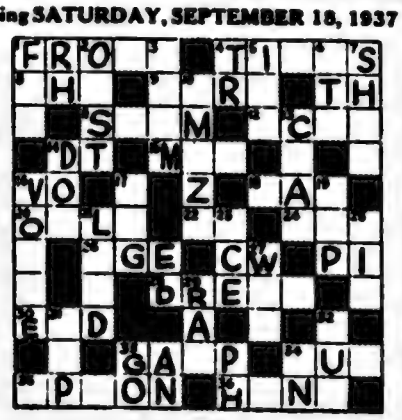

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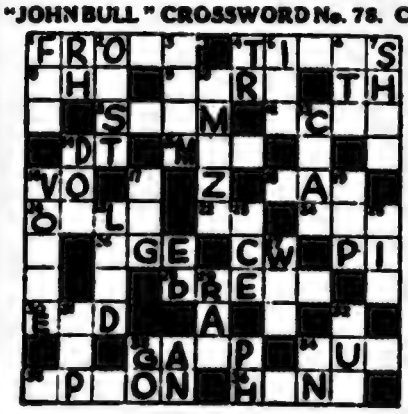

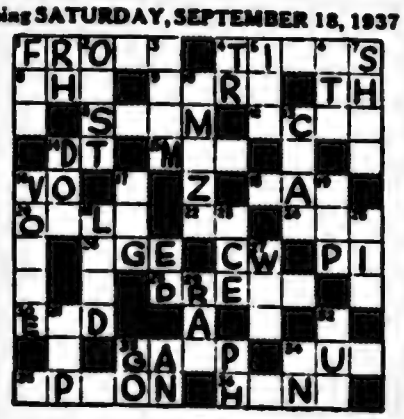

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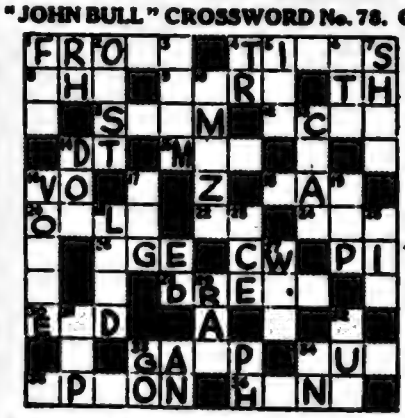

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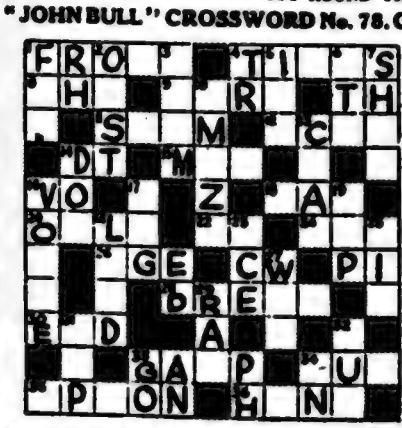

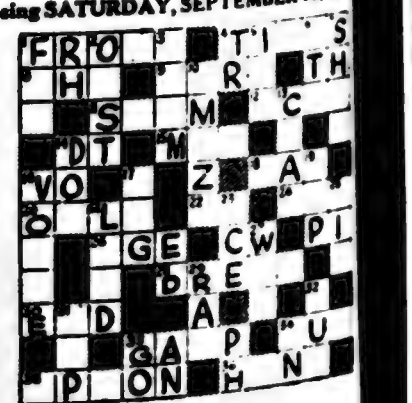

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Take the safer way — keep antiseptically clean. Use Knight's Family Health Soap daily. Safeguard yourself from the dangers of contamination by ensuring *real* antiseptic cleanliness. Family Health doesn't give dirt germs a chance to do their deadly work. Get Family Health today — and *be sure*.

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But Enabled to Build up Another Through the Power of

Dr. Cassells Tablets

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HOW WELL-KNOWN HAIRDRESSER WAS FREED FROM RHEUMATISM ARTHRITIS & INDIGESTION

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Mr. Newman at work—cheerful and bright—you wouldn't think he was over 60, would you? But he is!

From Our Special Health Investigator,

Royston Greene

London, N.W., Wednesday.

Robbed of one successful business by poor health—but enabled to build up another through the splendid aid of Dr. Cassells Tablets—that is the wonderful story of Mr. W. H. Newman, the well-known expert hairdresser of 78 Golders Green Road, Golders Green, N.W.

I came across this case by chance: this afternoon I walked into Mr. Newman's well-appointed Salon and whilst he was cutting my hair, I said:

"You have a flourishing business here, Mr. Newman,"

"Yes," he replied, "and all due to Dr. Cassells Tablets!"

"Dr. Cassells Tablets!" I echoed. "How so?"

"Why," replied Mr. Newman, "a few years ago I had a very successful West End business. In fact so successful that it meant me working myself to a standstill! I suffered from acute Rheumatism and Arthritis and was frequently in very severe pain. Then, on top of that, I developed severe Indigestion so that while suffering the most agonizing pains in my limbs, I also had acute discomfort and pain in my stomach!"

"You could not possibly keep going like that, Mr. Newman," I said.

"No!" he replied, "and in the end I had to sell my business! It was heart-breaking after all my hard work."

"For months, I got no better—in fact, steadily worse—and my little stock of money gradually dwindled away. Then I was advised to take Dr. Cassells Tablets!"

"I began to get better instantly! I felt stronger, my indigestion went and I began to recover my old energy. And then something happened which was even more wonderful!"

"What was that?" I queried.

"Why," he replied, "my rheumatism and arthritis began to leave me and to-day I am absolutely free from these troubles and Dr. Cassells Tablets alone are responsible! Through the new health given me by this wonderful remedy I was enabled to start up this business here. I work 12 hours a day, including Sundays, when I attend to my large private clientele. I always sing the praises of Dr. Cassells Tablets and shall never be without them in my home."

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Get Cystopurin tablets from your chemist to-day. They are put up in bottles, price 1/3, 3/- and 5/-, and are obtainable only from chemists.

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Let Mr. Yeates, of 69, Hill St., Coleridge, Stoke, tell you of his miracle cure recovery. "I suffered from Poisoned System Rheumatism. I was reduced to 7 st. 9 lbs., a complete wreck. I thought it was only a matter of time with me. Vitadatio made me a new man. I now weigh 11 st. 6 lbs., can walk miles, and feel better than ever I did."—Are you anxious regarding your health? If your trouble is impure blood, Liver, Kidney, Stomach, or Internal Ailments, get a bottle of Vitadatio to-day. It is the greatest Blood Purifier and Herbal Tonic known. It goes right to the root of the trouble, eradicates disease, and restores health. It has saved thousands of lives—it may save yours.

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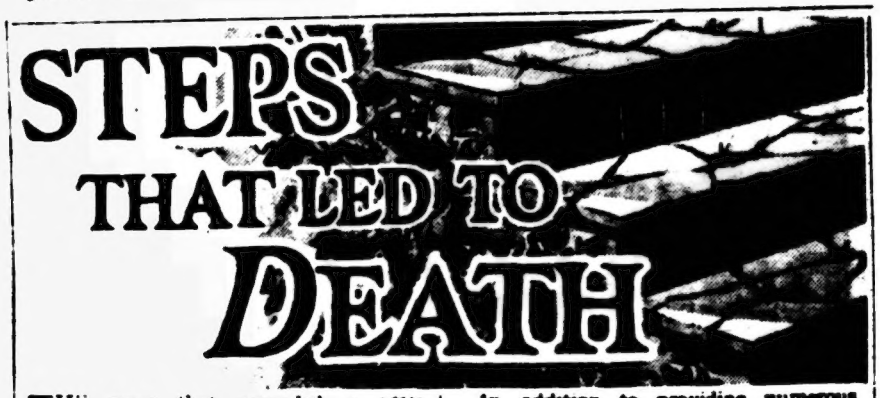

THE peace that pervaded a little Monmouthshire home was suddenly shattered by stark tragedy. The housewife was descending the garden steps when she slipped and fell headlong. Her husband, who had gone into the house for a moment, heard a thud, and running out, he discovered his wife at the foot of the steps. Despite prompt medical aid she died from a fractured skull.

This, in brief, is the sad fate that befell Mrs. H. Williams, of 5, High Street, Rhymney, Monmouthshire.

"JOHN BULL'S" PROMPT CHEQUE.

As Mrs. Williams was a registered reader of "John Bull," a cheque for £50—the benefit provided for fatal home accidents under "John Bull's" Great Free Family Insurance Gift—was promptly sent.

In addition to providing numerous other Accident Benefits, "John Bull" is **the only paper in the world** to safeguard registered readers' household effects against damage by FIRE, STORM, FLOOD and TEMPEST and to pay SICKNESS Benefits.

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To (Name of Newsagent).....

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Please deliver or reserve John Bull for me weekly until further notice.

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"John Bull," Registration Department, 128, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

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Reader's Signature.

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Name and Address of Newsagent.....

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Use ½d. stamp. Don't seal envelope. A certificate setting out the full benefits and conditions and certifying registration will be sent if ½d. stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for return.

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WIDOW BEATS ARMY SCHOOLMASTER

She thought out a 300-guinea gem

A GREY-HAIRED widow, living in a neat little house under the Sussex Downs, just beat an Army schoolmaster to the top of our 1,004th *Bullets* prize-list. She is Mrs. K. M. Nicholl, "Kamen," Adur Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, sender of the neat and thoughtful *Bullet*, MAN'S CREATION—TRUMPERY, AT "LAST TRUMP."

"I made up that *Bullet* where I have made many others—in bed!" she told a JOHN BULL man.

"In this case, the *Example* suggested aeroplanes to my mind and all the modern 'miracles' man has made. I thought that after all they amount to nothing compared with the spiritual life. The word 'trumpery' came to me in a flash and the rest soon followed."

The fine Second Prize in this Contest, consisting of £50 and extra Holiday award, was secured by Warrant Officer Instructor T. E. Kempshall, Army Educational Corps, Ballykinler Camp, County Down. His was the bright and human effort, SONNY'S PROGRESS — "SIXPENNY" — "NINEPENNY" —TWO "SHILLINGS."

"I was reading a local paper and noticed the cinema announcements," this winner recalled "and my mind flashed back to the pre-war days when I used to save sixpence for a front-row seat at the cinema, next to the time when I spoilt myself too much of a lad for the sixpennies, and to when I first asked a friend, 'Will you come to the pictures?' Well, one couldn't take a lady into ninepennies!"

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Any of those interesting Example opposite may suggest an idea which you can turn into a prize *Bullet*. Begin your fascinating task now and your reward may well be a fine Cash-plus-Radio prize.

50 HOLIDAY CHEQUES AWARDED THIS WEEK!

First Prize: £750 Cash, Competition No. 1,085.

W. J. ASPLIN, 14, Green Lane, Hanwell, London, W.

Example: DAD BOUGHT A HOUSE AND
Bullet: NOW "STRUTS ROUND IT."

SECOND PRIZE: £50

G. W. CLARKE, Hatherton Lodge, Malvern, Worcs.

Example: No Crime
Bullet: Like *Making* A Criminal.

THIRD PRIZE: £25

A. G. BRACE, 18, Pearbyn Avenue, Walthamstow, E.

Example: Clever Lawyer
Bullet: *One* "Craftsman" Jerrybuilder Retains! (Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

OTHER PRIZES:

£20: D. N. LYONS, 7, Silver Place, Beak Street, London, W.
Forlorn Figure—Still For Law, Geneva.

£10: I. MOERAN, The Abercorn Bookshop, Stanmore, Middlesex.
Open To Argument—Knowledge "Enters That Way."

£9: L. BURLEY, 37, St. Edmunds Road, Southampton.
He Was Ill, But—Luckily Perspiration Pooled Boss!

£8: Miss S. KING, "Croftdene," Purton, Swindon.
Helped Him On—When "Go" Gone—"Goo!" (Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

£7: P. C. HEYWOOD, 24, High Street, Ironbridge, Salop.
Released—Mother—Trapped Sun, Architect.

£6: R. W. SIMMONDS, 22, Stradbroke Road, Southwold, Suffolk.
Everything To Her—Now, Her *Daughter's* Beauty.

£5: W. HOPPER, 184, Victoria Avenue, Hull.
On The Sea's Highway—"Limping" One *Assured* Help.

£4 10s.: H. G. GASSON, The Lion Co[ttage], Rye, Sussex.
Our Two-year-old Toddler Going Happ[ily] Hand.

£4: F. W. STUCKEY, 1[0] Spring Gar[dens], Weymouth.
Without A Rudder And Swastika's Cr[ash] "Propeller."

£3 10s.: J. A. WILKINS, 68, King Ed[ward] Buildings, Brewery Road, London, N.
Helped Him On—Sonny's Putter Bust[s Pat].

£3: A. LAWRANCE, "Sou[th]lands," 34 Ke[ynsham] neth Road, Bristol.
Miserable Pittance *Happiness* Allows M[ore]

6 PRIZES OF £2 10s.

H. J. DALBY, 27, Common Field Road, Bar[net] stead, Surrey.
Britannia's Wealth Of *History* Ame[ric] Envies.

P. GEE, 4, Dargle Road, Str[eatham], Crime In Our Village Lay Bed-time [Story] Poaching!

Mrs. T. GORDON, 1, Seaview Drive, Br[oad]stairs.
Stunning—" That's Mother's Knack Hit[s]

Mrs. B. HART, 93, St. James's Avenue, Bea[con]sham.
Everything To Her—If I Were *Boss!*

E. J. STRAIGHT, Station House, Hadf[ield], Staffs.
Dad Bought A House And Refu[sed] "Warmed" Mum's Ho[me]
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

J. TITLEY, Falcon Hote[l], Bradford.
Come Along, Neville L[ittle] Rule's Pal.

Each of the above winners will also receive a Bonus Award value over £2 10s., as will 31 of £1 10s. and 30 of £1 5s. A list of these, together with 500 winners of 2s. 6d. can be seen at Bolsom offices of "John Bull."

6 BIG CHEQUES WON IN CROSSWORD No. 75.

In connection with "John Bull" Crossword No. 75, the Adjudication Committee decided that the [number] of meritorious sets of Answers on one Square (see page 36) were the following six competitors:—

H. Bennett, 79, Linden Drive, Alnwick, Derby; R. Hunt, 189, Mountview Road, Stroud Green, N.; E. H. Ive, 24, Fairfax Street, Bowling Road, Hull; A. Richardson, 66, Portland Road, Hayward's, Wakefield; Mrs. A. Roberts, 5, St. Bride's Road, Southsea, Manchester; E. H. Warner, 6, Langham Court, Park Road, East Twickenham.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, these competitors share the First Prize of £1,000 and a bonus of £200 0s. 9d. will be sent to each.

Any other entrant who believes that he submitted a Square eligible for a share of this Prize must forward his copy so as to be not later than First Post, Tuesday, September 14, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of all Squares submitted as [Crossword number] Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny" and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull."

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the £200 Award to Runners-up. This Prize has been [awarded] between 111 competitors from whom we received Squares inferior in merit by reason of only one less apt and accurate [answer] compared with the best Squares received. These winners will each receive £2 0s. 9d. A list of these Runners-up can be seen at [any] John Bull offices, and all have been notified.

A useful Surprise Award for each of 220 entrants from whom we received a Square differing from [the] scores of Runners-up by only one less meritorious Answer will be posted this week.

SOME WINNERS IN CROSSWORD No. 75.—Thirty-five competitors qualified to share the extra [£1,000 offered] to sole prize-winners in Crossword No. 70, and payments of £2 17s. 9d. have been despatched.

6 CROSSWORD No. 78—TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ON page 36 is presented the seventy-eighth of JOHN BULL'S entertaining Crossword Puzzles: you are invited to exercise your skill and knowledge by completing it with the guidance of the Clues provided.

Aptness and accuracy of Answers in relation to the Clues form the standard of excellence by which Squares and all decisions will be based on the Answers of Competitors. This judging will be carried out [by the] Adjudication Committee consisting of the following: The Editor of JOHN BULL; Doctor Lancelot Aber[crombie], M.A.; and Doctor C. E. M. Joad, M.A., D.Lit.

Each entry received will be carefully considered, and the First Prize-winner will be the competitor [who] has completed the Puzzle and has given what, in the opinion of the Adjudication Committee, is the best [set of] Clues provided. And this set of Answers will constitute the winning Puzzle Square.

If at any points in the Puzzle where a choice of words exists the Adjudication Committee decides that [two] can be preferred on the test of aptness and accuracy, then competitors these using words of equal merit as Answers [will be] in having tied at these points, which will be duly indicated when result and winning Puzzle Square [are] published Tuesday, September 28, 1937. The manner which decided the Committee's Award will be [explained] free weekly "Crossword Gazette" obtainable as instructed on page 36. The Second Prize will be [£500], whose entry is next in order of merit. In the event of a tie or ties the appropriate cash prize will be [divided] than one cash prize and one other prize will be allowed to one entrant in any one contest.

Acceptance of the decision of the Adjudication Committee in regard to the most meritorious entries [submitted] JOHN BULL in all other matters is a condition on which entries are accepted and is legally binding [on] Crossword Competition.

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P.S.

See Page 12 for Bolsom's Great Furnishing Offer!

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Your next step is to compress and improve each of these rough notes into TWO, THREE or FOUR words of apt and original comment, closely fitted to the chosen Example.

For instance, against the *Example*, HOME TO HELP, you might first scribble down *It And He Comforts The Dying*. This is a much too long way of stating, but it will do as it could easily produce the final Bullet, DYING TO HELP—HELPING DOCTOR-VICAR.

Before you start on your own efforts, study carefully the good points of the winning Bullets in our 1,085th Contest which appear on the opposite page. Then get on the *Examples* without delay, for your entry for this week's great Cash-plus-Radio Offer must be postmarked on or before Saturday, September 18.

Add 2, 3, or 4 words only to any "Example"

(Competition No. 1,089)

PROSPERITY'S COMING WHEN
GENEVA'S TEAM
SLUMS ARE A BLOT, SO
IN LIFE'S AUTUMN
GOOD-BYE, SEASIDE
LESSON OF THE PAST
GETTING ON BETTER
DYING TO HELP
STRIKING A BLOW
HARD ON CHILDREN
NOW AUNTIE'S ON THE 'PHONE
TO JOG HIS MEMORY

RAILWAYS
POLISHED
NO SUBSTITUTE
FURTIVELY
SISTERS
BEAMS

BIG IDEA
HITLER THINKS
RUNNING
WHAT WE OWE
MORE FUN
YOUNG REBEL

ON DAD'S ALLOTMENT
GROWING A LITTLE
EXPLAINS A LOT
I MAY BE A FOOL, BUT
"THINK AGAIN!"
THE BEAUTY OF IT IS
FIELD FOR RESEARCH
LOOKING AFTER HER
THINKING OF CHANGING
UPSET THE REFEREE
THEIR EYES MET AND
THRILL FOR THE VILLAGE

ENTRY FEE.—Enclose a Postal Order with your entry at the rate of 6d. for each Coupon entered. This should be made payable to "John Bull" and crossed "& Co." Write name, address and date of posting on back of P.O.

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NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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EXAMPLE
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BULLET

(1,089) Closing postmark SAT., Sept. 18.

P.O. No. .....

I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.

Signed .....

Address .....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

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P.O. No. .....

I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.

Signed .....

Address .....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(1,089) Closing postmark SAT., Sept. 18.

P.O. No. .....

I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

Signed .....

Address .....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

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P.O. No. .....

I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.

Signed .....

Address .....

If you want to enter further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £5, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the newsagents from whom the chief winners in "Bullets" No. 1,089 usually purchase "John Bull."

The original cheque for 200 Guineas chosen by the First Prize-winner in Competition No. 1,086 will be displayed in the window of Mr. L. Russell, The Adur Newsagency, 14, High Street, Shoreham-by-Sea.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor, is the best Bullet received and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges. 2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed "& Co." Entrant's name, address and date of posting must be written on back of postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated. 3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry. Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and their families are not eligible.

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